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Births.

SPALDING.—November 14, 1899, at Palm Glen Plantation, Norfolk Island, wife of Colonel Spalding, C.M.G., of a daughter.

STEVENS.—Moonbie-street, Summer Hill, Mrs. Geo. Stevens, of a son.

Marriages.

MILLER—SMITH.—February 14, at St. John's Church, Darlinghurst, by Canon Moreton, Staff-Surgeon Richard Miller, R.N., H.M.S. Mildura, fourth son of the late George Mackay Miller, of Dublin, to Philippa Foster, daughter of Dr. James Walter Smith, of the English Bar and Crown Law Department, Perth, W.A.

WICKEN—ROBINSON.—February 12, at Christ Church, Sydney, by the Rev. F. J. Albery, M.A., Percy George, eldest son of the late George Charles Wicken, of Brixton, England, to Clara May, youngest daughter of Edward Charles Robinson, of Windsor, N.S.W.

Deaths.

ANDERSON.—February 14, at Great Barcom-street, Darlinghurst, George Amos, the dearly beloved son of Christian and Elizabeth Anderson, aged 12 years 11 months.

CARFRAE.—February 14, at Wentworth Falls, Blue Mountains, Alexander Carfrae, fourth son of the late John Carfrae, of Swinton Hills, Burwood, aged 63 years.

PARKER.—February 13, at her residence, 6 Cliff-terrace, Forest Lodge, Mary, beloved wife of Charles Parker.

SEELEY.—February 14, at her residence, 212 Oxford-street, Paddington, Charlotte, the dearly beloved wife of Thomas Seeley.

SPALDING.—November 14, 1899, at Palm Glen Plantation, La Valette, infant daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Spalding.

WRIGHT.—February 13, 1900, at his residence, Wellington-street, Bondi, John Duncan Wright, in his 63rd year.

In Memoriam.

BRADSHAW.—In loving memory of our dear son, Harold, who departed this life February 15, 1899; also, Roy, December 23, 1898. Inserted by their loving parents, P. and S. W. Bradshaw, Juliett-street, Enmore.

DOBSON.—In sad and loving remembrance of my dearly beloved husband, Joseph Dobson, late of Park-street, who departed this life on the 15th February, 1898, at his residence, Lispington House, Grosvenor-street, Woollahra. Interred at family vault, Waverley. Inserted by his loving wife, Mary Dobson.

FELLEW.—In loving memory of my dear son, Percy A. E., late of Postal Dept., N.S.W., who died at Broken Hill, February 15, 1893. Inserted by his loving father, William Fellew.

HOWARD.—In loving memory of James Howard, who departed this life February 15, 1892. Inserted by his loving wife and daughters.

MURLEY.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Jane Murley, aged 45, who departed this life at Melbourne February 16, 1899.

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No more your wearied eyes shall weep,
Sleep, dearest mother, peacefully sleep.

Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Louie and James Brown.

O'BRIEN.—In loving memory of my dear father, John O'Brien, who died at Goulburn February 15th, 1899. Inserted by his fond daughter, M. Smith, Woollahra. His end was peace, perfect peace.

SMITH.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Rose Smith, who died February 15, 1898. May her soul rest in peace. Inserted by her loving daughters, Annie and Lizzie.

WARREN.—In loving remembrance of my dear wife and our mother, Kate Warren, who departed this life 15th February, 1895. Inserted by her loving husband, L. Warren, and children.

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*P. R. LUITPOLD	6,288	H. Walter	Apr. 7	Apr. 14
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*OROYA	6297	E. Fletcher	...	Feb. 20	Feb. 22
+OPHIR	6910	F. S. Symons	Feb. 28	Mar. 6	Mar. 8
+ORUBA	5857	J. Linklater	Mar. 14	Mar. 20	Mar. 22
+ORMUZ	6387	H. W. Livett	Mar. 28	April 3	April 5
*+OMRAH	8291	J. F. Ruthven	April 11	April 17	April 19
+CUZCO	3918	B. L. Gace	April 25	May 1	May 3
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S.S. MARAROA, WEDNESDAY, March 7, at 5 p.m.
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S.S. TALUNE, SATURDAY, February 24, at 1 p.m.
S.S. MONOWAI, SATURDAY, March 3, at 1 p.m.

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ADELAIDE, WALLAROO, PORT PIRIE, PORT AUGUSTA	Buninyong, Tuesday, February 20, 5 p.m.
ALBANY, FREMANTLE	Buninyong, Tuesday, February 20, 5 p.m.
BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, ROCKHAMPTON, BUNDABERG	Tyrian, Saturday, Feb. 17, 12 noon. Burwah, Tuesday, Feb. 20, 5 p.m. Peregrine, Saturday, Feb. 24, 12 noon.
MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE	Tyrian, Saturday, Feb. 17, 12 noon. Peregrine, Sat., Feb. 24, 12 noon.
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BRISBANE	Adelaide, Friday, 6 p.m., Feb. 16. Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Feb. 20
MARYBOROUGH	Adelaide, Friday, 6 p.m., Feb. 16
BUNDABERG	Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Feb. 20
GLADSTONE	Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Feb. 20
ROCKHAMPTON	Adelaide, Friday, 6 p.m., Feb. 16. Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Feb. 20
And all QUEENSLAND PORTS to TOWNSVILLE and COOKTOWN	Aramac, Tues., 5 p.m., Feb. 20. Wodonga, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Feb. 27
THURSDAY ISL'D, NORMANTON, BURKETOWN	Aramac, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Feb. 20 (Tranship at Brisbane.)
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E. H. Dunn, commander. 4060 tons,
will be despatched about the middle of FEBRUARY for CAPETOWN, PORT ELIZABETH and DURBAN.
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NEW ZEALAND.
For AUCKLAND, GISBORNE, NAPIER, WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, and DUNEDIN
(transhipping to outports)—
ELINGAMITE, WEDNESDAY, February 28, 4 p.m.
WESTRALIA, WEDNESDAY, March 14, 4 p.m.
For WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, DUNEDIN, and BLUFF, HOBART, and MELBOURNE
(transhipping to outports)—
ZEALANDIA, SATURDAY, February 17, 1 p.m.
HOBART—
TAMBO, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, noon; Feb. 27. From Hobart February 22, March 3.
MELBOURNE and GEELONG—
BURRUMBEET, SATURDAY, February 24, noon.
ANGLIAN, TUESDAY, March 6.
Return tickets available for six months.
LAUNCESTON—
From SYDNEY (transhipping at Melbourne)—BURRUMBEET, SATURDAY, February 24, noon.
From MELBOURNE (direct)—COOGEE, February 17, 22, 27.
ADELAIDE and WEST AUSTRALIA,
via Melbourne,
ANGLIAN, TUESDAY, March 6,
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Return Adelaide and West Australian tickets available by W. H. Smith and Sons, or M'Ilwraith, M'Eacharn, and Co.
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MANNING RIVER.—Coraki, Saturday, noon.
PORT MACQUARIE.—Rosedale, Friday Next.
NAMBUCCA RIVER.—Rosedale, Friday Next.
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RICHARD COOKE, Secretary.

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Wollongong, Kiama, Shoalhaven.—Tues., Fri., cargo only.
Clyde River, Nelligen, Bateman's Bay.—SATURDAY, 10 a.m.
Ulladulla.—SATURDAY, 10 a.m.
Merimbula, Eden.—TUESDAY, noon; THURSDAY, noon.
Tathra, Pambula.—TUESDAY, noon; THURSDAY, noon.
Bermagui.—TUESDAY, noon; THURSDAY, noon.

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The S.S. MURRAY, from Market Wharf, TO-DAY, Thursday, at 1 o'clock.
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S.S. COOMONDERRY, Captain S. Canty, leaves Caledonian Wharf, King-street (weather permitting), Shoalhaven ports, ev. Tuesday, 5 p.m.; passengers 9 p.m. Moruya, Araluen, Bodalla, Nerrigundah, ev. Frid., 1 p.m. Woronga, Punkalla, Central Tilba, Friday, Feb. 16, 1 p.m. Passengers and cargo. JOHN AUBIN, Agent.

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CONSIGNEES are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once for Walker's Wharf.
The vessel will not be responsible for any loss of or damage to cargo after the same has been landed, and any goods impeding discharge will be landed and stored at consignees' risk and expense without further notice.
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CONSIGNEES are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once for East Circular Quay. The ship will not be responsible for any loss of or damage to cargo after same shall have been landed, and any cargo impeding discharge shall be entered and stored at the consignees' risk and expense.
BILLS of LADING must be produced, duly endorsed, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained from the undersigned before any cargo can be delivered.
Consignees of optional cargo must declare their option before noon to-day, otherwise same will be treated at ship's convenience.
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SOFT FELT HATS,
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SOFT FELTS, THE TERAI SHAPE. Colours Drab, Grey, Black, Cuba, Brown, 8s 6d, 10s 6d, 12s 6d.
WHITE TROPO HELMETS, Pith, 3s 6d; Cork, 6s 6d, 10s 6d.
STRAW HATS, 3s 6d, 4s 6d, 5s 6d, 6s 6d.
THESE ARE THE LEADING SHAPES, BUT WE STOCK A FULL RANGE of All Classes of GENTLEMEN'S HAT WEAR.
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Public Notices.

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The reinstatement of our Extensive Warehouses, Nos. 22-30 Bridge-street, and Queen's-place, having been completed, we are now in full occupation of same.
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O.K. JAM.
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The O.K. JAM COMPANY, of Broughton-street, Glebe, Sydney, offer to Boys and Girls under 16 years of age, TEN BEAUTIFUL PRIZES as enumerated hereunder, under the following conditions:—The prizes will be awarded to the Boys and Girls who write the best ESSAY on
MY FAVOURITE OCCUPATION.
CONDITIONS.—1. All must fill only one page of foolscap. 2. The Essays must be sent in not later than March 1st, 1900, address to the O.K. Jam Factory, Broughton-street, Glebe, and marked on the outside "Competition." 3. The Competition is open only to Boys and Girls under 16 years of age who reside in New South Wales. 4. Each account must be accompanied by 12 Labels of O.K. Jam, also the Name of the Paper from which you gathered this information. 5. The decision of the O.K. Jam Co., Limited, must be accepted as final.
FOR GIRLS: A Morocco Leather Lady's Dressing Case, a Celluloid Hair Brush, Comb, and Mirror, a Manicure Set in Celluloid and Plush Case, a Lady's Workbox, a Lady's Fitted Companion.
FOR BOYS: A Morocco Leather Writing Desk, a Morocco Leather Dressing Case, a Mahogany Wood Desk, a Carved Oak Inkstand, a Sealskin Writing Case.
The above prizes are genuine, and may be seen by any of the parents or competitors at our Factory during the month of February. Note conditions well, and remember that the O.K. Jam is the most delicious and beautiful Jam made.
PEACOCK'S "O.K." JAM CO.,
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SAVINGS BANK of NEW SOUTH WALES.
The ATTENTION of DEPOSITORS in this Bank is particularly directed to the 11th section of the Regulations, viz.:—
"Each Depositor shall, in the month of February in each year, produce or cause to be produced his or her Passbook at the proper office of the Savings Bank for the purpose of being inspected, examined, and verified with the books of the said Savings Bank, in such manner and on such day or days as shall be for that purpose named and appointed, in and by any notice which the said Trustees shall cause to be published in the local papers."
In pursuance of this Resolution the Trustees have appointed from the 15th to 28th FEBRUARY INCLUSIVE during the usual office hours, at the Head Office, in Barrack-street, and also at the Southern Branch Office, No. 808 George-street South, as the times and places when and where Passbooks may be presented for the purpose indicated.
GEORGE R. DIBBS, Managing Trustee.
February 14, 1900.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF Mrs. ANNIE GRAHAM, Nymagee.
A First and Final DIVIDEND at the rate of 6s 7d (six shillings and sevenpence) in the £ in the above Estate is now payable at my office. Promissory notes must be produced.
ALBERT BORCHARD, Incorporated Accountant, Equitable-building, George-street.
Sydney, 14th February, 1900.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF ALBERT BLUNDELL, Mudgee.
All CLAIMS against the above Estate must be rendered to me on or before WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 21st instant, otherwise they will not be recognised.
ALBERT BORCHARD, Incorporated Accountant, Equitable-building, George-street.
Sydney, 14th February, 1900.

AUSTRALIAN BUSHMEN'S CONTINGENT.
Offices, 6 Spring-street, Sydney.
Hon. Treasurers:
J. RANDAL CAREY, Esq., Daily Telegraph.
GEOFFREY FAIRFAX, Esq., S.M. Herald.
Hon. JOHN SEE, Colonial Secretary.
Hon. Secretary:
JOHN M. ATKINSON, 6 Spring-street, Sydney.

ASSOCIATED NORTHERN BLOCKS (W.A.), Limited.
SHARE CERTIFICATES for the Bonus and Working Capital Shares allotted to colonial Shareholders in the abovenamed Company are now ready for issue.
Letters of Allotment and Receipts must be surrendered.
H. M. BRISTOWE, Adelaide Secretary.
Brookman's-building, Grenfell-street, Adelaide, 9th February, 1900.

THE AUSTRALIAN WIDOWS' FUND LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, Limited.
LOST POLICY.
It is hereby notified that, in terms of the Lost Policies Act of 1880, it is the intention of this Society to issue a Special Policy in lieu of No. 103,111 on the life of THOMAS WILLIAM BERRY, which is declared to have been lost.
Dated at Sydney this 5th day of February, 1900.
GEO. F. MURNIN, Resident Secretary.

ADELAIDE PROPERTY DISTRIBUTION.
Drawn Friday, February 9.
List closed with 20,117 subscribers. First, third, and twentieth properties were included in drawing, and cash prizes will be paid pro rata.
The first prize was won by No. 24780, Mr. F. Lewison, Croydon, N.S.W. Full results will be made known after arrival of next mail from Western Australia.

MAITLAND and MORPETH HOTEL.—APPLICATIONS are invited for the Purchase of a LEASE (21 years), License and Goodwill of the above, from July next; also Three adjoining STORES with a view of improving the property. The same has a frontage of 64ft. to Sussex-street, Sydney, and a similar frontage to Wharf-street, by a depth of 146ft. Applications to be made and particulars obtained from the undersigned.
JOHN S. E. ELLIS, F.S.I.B.A., Architect, 108 Pitt-street.
Tel., 3291.
Tenders may be addressed to W. Coker, Esq., from whom particulars may also be obtained.

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"BUKIL,"
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Wholesale: ELLIOTT BROS., Ltd.
All Wholesale Grocers, or the Agents—150 The Strand.

DR. J. MATTHEW ENNIS, MUS. DOC. LOND., L.T.C.L., Associate of the Philharmonic Society, London, will arrive in Sydney about the end of February.
All communications should be addressed care of the Bank of New South Wales, Sydney.

FOR High-class Furniture at Bargain Prices, cash or terms, try M. Symonds and Co., 275 Pitt-st.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—Mr. D. CLIFFORD has Retired from Firm of Clifford and Co., House, Estate Agents, Annandale, as from 31st Jan. last. Business conducted under the same name by J. Clifford.

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SCOTCH and IRISH WHISKY in half-flasons, 2s 6d
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FINE OLD SCOTCH WHISKY (own bottling), 3s 6d
HUNTER RIVER CLARET (recommended), 9d per bottle
AUSTRALIAN PORT WINE, 1s 6d
FINE OLD PALE BRANDY, per Imperial quart, 5s 6d
GLENLIVET WHISKY, 4s per bottle, 5s 6d per quart
IMPERIAL COGNAC (French Pale Brandy), 3s 6d
SHAMROCK WHISKY, 4s 6d per imperial quart
M'EWAN'S ALE, qts. 10d. GUINNESS' STOUT, qts. 10d
YOUNGER'S REVOLVER ALE, qts., 8d per bottle
FOREIGN PORTS and SHERRIES from 2s per bottle
DRY MONOPOLE CHAMPAGNE, qts. 10s, pints 5s
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Public Notices.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.
The PARTNERSHIP hitherto subsisting between the undersigned, under the style of LAURENCE and MACKENZIE has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. G. M. Laurence will continue to practice at Bank-chambers, 122 Pitt-st., Sydney, and Mr. F. E. Mackenzie at Bombala.
31st Jan., 1900. G. M. LAURENCE. F. E. MACKENZIE.

TICKETS.—Passages Bought and Sold to all parts. Tutton, 108 Pitt-st., opp. G.P.O.; Melb. and Brisb.

ADGER, Specialist, treats success. all diseases of the skin and hair, sev. and rem., 10s tst. 34 C'sh-st., Syd.

CALL FOR FREE RAILWAY TICKETS for our SPECIAL TRAIN to WAHROONGA LAND SALE NEXT SATURDAY AFTERNOON.
HARDIE and GORMAN, Auctioneers.

Legal Notices.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of BRENT CLEMENTS RODD, late of Five Dock, near Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, solicitor, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that the Accounts and Plan of Distribution in the above estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me, at my said office, on or before the sixth day of April next, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this 14th day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred. T. W. GARRETT (l.s.), Registrar.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of DANIEL JOHN M'CARTHY (known also as Daniel M'Carthy), late of Dubbilow, near Pilliga, in the colony of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—Pursuant to the Wills Probate and Administration Act 1898, Notice is hereby given that all Creditors and other persons having any claims upon or being otherwise interested in the estate of the abovenamed deceased (who died on the 9th day of April, 1899) are hereby required to send in full particulars of their claims to the undersigned, the Proctor for the Executors of the Will of the said deceased before the 28th day of March next, after which day the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which they shall then have notice; and the said Executors shall not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose claim they shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this 12th day of February, 1900. WILLIAM E. POTTS, Proctor for the Executors, Maitland-street, Narrabri.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of MATTHEW MULCAHY, formerly of Woodvale, Millie, but lately of Wellingrove, near Glen Innes, in the colony of New South Wales, Selector, deceased intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARY ANN MULCAHY, of Wellingrove aforesaid, the Widow of the said deceased. And all notices may be served at the undermentioned address or that of my Sydney Agent, A. W. E. WEAVER, Esq., 16 O'Connell-street, Sydney. WILLIAM E. POTTS, Proctor for Applicant, Maitland-street, Narrabri.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ALICE SMITH BERTRAM, late of Coonamble, in the colony of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to THOMAS DUN BERTRAM and JONATHAN DAVEY YOUNG BUTTON, of Coonamble aforesaid, the Executors named in the said Will. And all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. Dated this 5th day of February, A.D. 1900. C. J. ELLIS, Proctor for Executors, 169 Phillip-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM HENRY NICHOLLS, late of Broken Hill, in the colony of New South Wales, Miner, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to the undersigned, CHARLES BADCOCK, the Executor named in the said Will. CHARLES BADCOCK.

IN the Will of CATHERINE STRONG, late of 154 Cumberland-street, Sydney, Widow, deceased.—All CLAIMS against the above deceased Estate must be sent to the undersigned not later than MARCH 1st, 1900, otherwise they will not be recognised.
W. P. FITZGERALD, 150 Cumberland-street.

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B. BEBARFALD AND CO.,
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And other amounts in proportion.
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Municipal Elections.

BOROUGH OF WAVERLEY.
ELECTION OF MAYOR.
NOTICE is hereby given that Alderman HENRY CHARLES EVANS, J.P., has been unanimously ELECTED MAYOR of the Borough of Waverley for the Municipal Year 1900-1.
JOHN CLUBB, Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Waverley, February 14th, 1900.

SPORTS.—The Cricket Ground, Longueville, in Allotments, on Ground, Next Sat., 3 p.m. R. and W., Ltd.

DAVID JONES AND COMPANY'S
SALE OF
SURPLUS
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A SPECIAL LINE FOR HOTELS, CLUBS, BOARDING-HOUSES, &c.

CARPETS.

	Usual Price.		Clearance Price.
Brussels Carpets ......per yard	4s 3d	now	3s 6d

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	Usual Price.		Clearance Price.
Chenille Table Covers, 1 yard square	2s 11d	now	1s 11d
Fancy Plush Table Covers, 1 yard square	10s 6d	now	3s 11d

CURTAINS.

	Usual Price.		Clearance Price.
Tapestry Curtains......per pair	37s 6d	now	21s 0d
Tapestry Curtains......per pair	39s 6d	now	25s 0d
Tapestry Curtains......per pair	47s 6d	now	35s 0d
Chenille Curtains (A few pairs only)......per pair	45s 0d	now	21s 0d
Ditto......per pair	36s 6d	now	25s 0d
Guipure Curtains......per pair	105s 0d	now	49s 6d
......per pair	73s 6d	now	36s 0d
......per pair	50s 6d	now	29s 0d
A Few Pairs Only WHITE BRUSSELS, Frilled Curtains......per pair	75s 0d	now	35s 0d

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OF
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MEN'S CLOTHING.

	Usual Price.		Clearance Price.
Sergerette Suits	35s 0d to 55s 0d	now	25s 3d
Lounge Flannel Suits	22s 6d to 27s 6d	now	17s 6d
Tennis and Lounge Sacs	10s 6d to 12s 6d	now	8s 11d
Assorted Colours in Flannels	17s 6d	now	6s 9d
Blue Serge Sacs	7s 6d	now	5s 9d

BOYS' CLOTHING.

	Usual Price.		Clearance Price.
White Drill American Blouses (sizes 00 to 6)	4s 3d	now	2s 11d
Striped Drill Sailor Blouses (sizes 00 to 0)	2s 6d	now	1s 6d
Youths' Tennis Trousers (sizes 13 to 2)	6s 6d	now	2s 11d
Blue Serge and Tweed Norfolk Suits (sizes 00 to 1)	7s 6d	now	4s 9d
Fancy Tweed Norfolk Suits (sizes 00 to 5)	12s 9d	now	7s 9d
Sergerette Norfolk Suits (sizes 3 to 8)	18s 6d	now	12s 6d
Sergerette Sailor Suits (sizes 3 to 9)	18s 6d	now	12s 6d
Sergerette Norfolk Suits (sizes 3 to 9)	16s 6d	now	12s 6d
Sergerette Norfolk Suits (sizes 4 to 8)	17s 9d	now	12s 6d
Boys' Striped Cotton Dressing Gowns	12s 6d	now	5s 6d

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Slipper Bed Pans; Douche Cans, completely fitted with best thermometer and indicating tubes; Hot-water Bags, in endless variety, with and without covers; and the thousand and one other appliances necessary for the ailments of women.

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SEAMLESS ENEMAS,
and have just opened a very large assortment.
WE CLAIM to have the LARGEST show of these goods in the City, and our prices are from 2s 6d upwards. They are made of the best material, on the latest and improved models, and with and without continuous flow. Enemas are such an absolute necessity for the relief of so many ailments, and as we quote them at such low prices, no household should be without them.
Ladies' Toilet Requisites in endless variety.
Cherry Tooth Paste, our own importation, in specially prepared handsome floral pots.
Ladies' Tooth and Nail Brushes, in great variety
Ladies' Back Combs and Fine Tooth Combs
Aluminium and Nickel Combs for the hair, selected by Mr. Soul during his tour of America.
These are a novelty, and should be quickly inspected. They won't stay long.
A Magnificent Assortment of
LADIES' HAIR BRUSHES,
genuine Bristle, with Celluloid, Ebony, Xylonite, and handsome backs.
Ladies' Eyebrow Pencils
Powder for the Complexion in every known and approved brand
Manicure Sets and Nail Scissors
Nurses' Chatelaines and Sickroom Outfits
Nasal Douches and Insufflators
Odorators and Perfume Distributors
Perfumery of every description, and

SPONGES, SPONGES,
in real Turkey, Cuban, and assorted kinds, all prices, from 3d each to 25s.
Look at the value we offer in
"SPINAROSA SOAP,"
3 cakes, in beautiful sachet box, for 1s. There is no value like it. And please remember

OUR DISPENSING DEPARTMENT
is the most up to date. Everything of the best, and our charges nearly half of what the (would-be) "Special Appointment" people charge. We are the Reform Chemists, who banished high prices, and stuck to our colours.

ALL GOODS AT THE LOWEST PRICES.

WASHINGTON H. SOUL AND CO.,
FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
160 PITT-STREET, SYDNEY;
CHURCH-STREET, PARRAMATTA;
HUNTER-STREET, NEWCASTLE.

Calls and Dividends on Shares.

THE MOUNT DRYSDALE GOLD-MINING CO., Ltd. Registered Office, Barton-street, Cobar.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND (the first) of (4s) Four shillings per Share, due and payable on 26th February, 1900, to the Members in proportion to shares held by them in the said Company. The Transfer Books of the Company will be Closed from the 17th to 26th February, 1900, inclusive.
By order of the Board.
JOHN LEAH, Secretary.
February 12, 1900.

GREAT COBAR COPPER-MINING COMPANY, Limited.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Directors have this day declared a DIVIDEND (the 37th) of Two Shillings per Share, payable at the Company's Office, No. 131 Pitt-street, Sydney, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of February instant. Transfer Books of the Company will be Closed from the 21st till the 28th, both dates inclusive. By order of the Board, G. A. RICHARDS, Acting Manager. Sydney, February 14th, 1900.

MARSHALL'S PADDINGTON BREWERY, Ltd.
The Directors have declared an INTERIM DIVIDEND at the rate of six per cent. per annum.
Same will be payable at the Offices of the Company, Oxford-street, on Thursday, the 22nd inst.
HERBERT W. GILLES, Secretary.
14th February, 1900.

SPORTS.—The Cricket Ground, Longueville, in Allotments, on Ground, Next Sat., 3 p.m. R. and W., Ltd.

ANTHONY
HORDERN'S
SALE.

THE LIVELIEST THING of its kind FOR YEARS; compared to which the MILK AND WATER efforts of LESS UP-TO-DATE DEALERS are as DULNESS TREBLY DULL. NOTHING LIKE IT ANYWHERE ELSE.

BARGAINS
IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.
SIGHTS
IN EVERY SECTION,
DELIGHTED CROWDS
ALL OVER THE HOUSE,

from the departments which are reached by THE NEW LIFT to the pleasant places were CALICO and SHIRT BUTTONS vie with the RICHEST VELVETS and the CHOICEST SILKS for PRIDE OF PLACE and EXTRAORDINARY CHEAPNESS. As the Dominie says in the story—
"IT'S PROD-E-E-GIOUS."

FASHION'S FAIREST FAVOURS AT UNFASHIONABLE PRICES.
LADIES' FRENCH MODEL CAPES, Fancy Net, Lace, and Chiffon, A FEW ONLY, TO CLEAR, 8s 11d, 7s 6d, 10s 11d, 14s 6d.
LADIES' ALPACA DUST CLOAKS, Fawn and Grey Alpaca, TO BE CLEARED, 4s 11d, 6s 11d.
LADIES' BLACK FINE SERGE JACKETS, the BALANCE LEFT to be CLEARED at 2s 6d.
LADIES' WASHING COSTUMES, Muslin, Zephyr, and Sateen, 6s 11d, 10s 6d, 12s 6d.
LADIES' COLOURED MATERIAL COSTUMES, to be CLEARED at 12s 6d, 21s, to 42s.
LADIES' WASHING BLOUSE SHIRTS, Printed Cambric, Zephyr, and Fancy Fabrics, with White Linen Collar and Cuffs, A FEW LEFT, at 1s 11d.
LADIES' BLACK CLOTH CAPES, Summer Texture, Trimmed Jet, Lined SILK THROUGHOUT, 5s 11d.
CHILDREN'S WASHING COSTUMES, Printed Cambric, Zephyr, and New Washing Materials, 27in. to 39in., 3s 11d to 5s 11d.
CHILDREN'S WHITE PIQUE AMERICAN, 20in. and 22in., to be Cleared, 3s 6d and 5s 6d.

And, LADIES and GENTLEMEN, if the word PRODE-E-GIOUS applies to the foregoing, how much more so does it fit the case of the following, which should SHAKE the FLIMSY FOUNDATIONS of HIGH-PRICEDOM, and carry "GLAD TIDINGS of GREAT JOY" into many a home.

BOOTS AND SHOES
SPECIALLY REDUCED PRICES.

Pairs.
100 MEN'S CALF LACE BOOTS, English make ... 3s 11d
150 MEN'S CALF LACE BOOTS, English make ... 5s
50 MEN'S TAN CALF LACE BOOTS, English make ... 5s
100 MEN'S FIRST-CLASS COLONIAL-MADE LACE-UP BOOTS ... 3s 6d
100 LADIES' TAN OXFORD SHOES, best American make, wide toes, a first-class Shoe, sizes 2, 2½, 4, 4½, 5, 6½, and 7. Original price, 11s; sale price, 5s 6d.
100 LADIES' OXFORD SHOES, various kinds. Original prices 5s 6d and 6s 9d, all at 3s 11d.
100 LADIES' FIRST-CLASS EVENING SHOES, size 2, 3, 6, and 7. Original price 9s and 10s 6d, all at 4s 6d.
LADIES' LEATHER BUTTON and LACE SHOES, also Lace Boots, good fresh stock, at 3s 9d per pair during Sale.
300 Pairs Felt Slippers at 5d per pair; sizes, 11, 12, 13, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

FOR READERS

And so that THE LITERARY DONS and the ARISTOCRACY OF STUDY, who are among our STANCHEST SUPPORTERS, may not feel a PANG OF ENVY at the good luck of wearers of BOOTS and SHOES, and seekers after FASHION'S SURPRISES, we offer the following:—
100 THE WINDSOR MAGAZINE, DOUBLE NUMBER, DECEMBER, 1899, with complete Novel by Phillips Oppenheim, "Mysterious Mr. Sabine." Usual price, 1s 6d; Sale price, 1s.
CHRISTMAS NUMBERS OF THE GENTLEWOMAN, HOLLY LEAVES, THE GRAPHIC, BLACK AND WHITE, THE SKETCH, ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS, ALL AT HALF PUBLISHED PRICE.
100 COPIES of THE PRIZE, the Children's Annual for 1899. Published price, 1s 6d: SALE PRICE, 1s 3d.
100 LITTLE FOLKS for 1898, published at 3s 6d; SALE PRICE, 2s 6d.
250 LARGE SHILLING PICTURE BOOKS, representing OUR INDIAN and COLONIAL FORCES, handsomely printed in colours; SALE PRICE, 6d.
50 COPIES CAMEOS—A VOLUME OF STORIES BY MARIE CORELLI, published price, 3s 6d; SALE PRICE, 1s 6d.
CASSELL'S PENNY STORIES, 7d PER DOZEN. A LARGE VARIETY.

ART AND BUSINESS.
ALBEIT, as encouragement to ART, and so that folk who know NOTHING OF ART, who are as clumsy as AN ELEPHANT, or who don't know the difference between A KODAK and a CAMP STOOL, may enlarge or reduce MAPS or PHOTOGRAPHS to any desired size, and thus render useful what otherwise might be of LITTLE VALUE, we offer—
THE IMPROVED PANTAGRAPH, an instrument for enlarging or reducing Photographs, Maps, &c.—SALE PRICE, 7½d.
RIZALINE CARDS, various shapes and sizes, Shilling Packets ... SALE PRICE, 6d.
METALLIC BOOKS, with Clasp and Pocket—SALE PRICE, 4d.
ROUGH ACCOUNT BOOKS.
Sizes 12½ x 6 x 1½ inch, 1s 4d; 12½ x 6 x 1¾, 1s 7d; 14½ x 6 x 1 inch, 1s 6d; 16 x 6½ x 1½ inch, 2s 6d.

ANTHONY HORDERN AND SONS,
UNIVERSAL PROVIDERS,
HAYMARKET (ONLY).

Lost and Found.

IN Hyde Pk., 14th, silver-mt. Croc.-skin Purse. Finder keep money, return purse and papers to 25 Smith-st.

LEFT, BOOK on seat in Marrickville Park. Reward 5s, Gunn's Agency, Marrickville.

LOST, Bay Horse, no brand, 1 white hind ft., blistered rump. Reward 10s. H. Foy, Dowling-st., Waterloo.

LOST, brown Horse, brand 8 (rev.) over U, hind fetlock white. E. Bradley, Percival-st., L'hardt Hill. Rew.

LOST, red leather POCKETBOOK. Reward. Box 1331, G.P.O.

LOST, Scotch Terrier PUPPY, turning grey; 10s reward. Mrs. Jackson, Selwyn and Oatley sts., M. P.

LOST, White Poodle DOG, February 5. Reward if returned Mrs. Culverwell, William-st., St. Peters.

LOST, in Woollahra or Johnston-st., Annandale, Gold BROOCH. Reward, Kenilworth, Wallis-st., W'lahra.

LOST, that languid feeling since using GILBEY'S SILVERSTREAM SCHNAPPS.

LOST, bet. William-st. and Glenmore-rd., Gold Bar Brooch, with stone; rew. 136 Brougham-st., D'hst.

LOST, gold Brooch, between Rose Bay and Wynyard-square. Reward, Strathbogie, 21 York-st.

LOST, Tuesday night, Gold BANGLE. Return to 104 Phillip-st. Reward.

LOST, UMBRELLA, white handle, George-st., reward, 107 Paddington-st.

LOST, Monday, Randwick or Coogee, Gold Cable Bangle, reward. 11 Waimea-avenue, Queen-st., Woollahra.

LOST.—STRAYED from 143 Annandale-st., Annandale, sable-and-white Collie DOG; reward.

LOST, Sun., bet. Sydenham and Redfern, gold amethyst Brooch, S. F. on back. Rew. 9 Morehead-st., Rdfn.

LOST, the Morning Headache now that I stick to DICKENS' WHISKY.

LOST at Summer Hill, small Gold BROOCH. Finder rewarded on returning to 4 Lackey-st., Summer Hill.

LOST, Tuesday night, in city, or left in cab, Lady's Black Silk HANDBAG, containing purse and keys. Very handsome reward on returning to S. Y. BURNET, News Agent, Queen-street, Woollahra.

LOST, Prudential Assurance BOOK, No. 15; no use to anyone but owner. Reward on delivery to address inside. 50 Willoughby-street, Milson's Point, North Sydney.

REW.—LOST, Tuesday, Crescent Brooch with pearls, star, small diam. in cent. 13 Tintern-rd., Sum. Hill.

FOUND, first-class LUNCH, a la carte, or table d'hote. Empire Hotel.

FOUND, that SIREN SOAP is absolutely without a rival for general household purposes.

FOUND, that GILBEY'S SILVERSTREAM is the principal brand of SCHNAPPS used in England.

FOUND, that by using WIESENER'S SPECTACLES my headaches and pains in the eyes were cured. Fit and comfort guaranteed. Only address, WIESENER, 334 GEORGE-STREET.

GLEBE FOUND.—For Sale This Day, at 12 o'clock, Bay Mare SW over PH nr. shoulder, star, 3 w. ft.

IN ST. PETERS POUND.—One Chestnut HORSE. To be SOLD THIS DAY, at noon.

FREE SPECIAL TRAIN to WAHROONGA LAND SALE leaves Milson's Point at 2.10 o'clock NEXT SATURDAY AFTERNOON. Tickets and Litho. from HARDIE and GORMAN, 133 Pitt-street.

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Government Railways.

EXCURSION TRIPS TO HAWKESBURY RIVER IN CONNECTION WITH THE STEAMER GENERAL GORDON.
SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.
TRAINS leave Sydney at 9.5 a.m. on SATURDAYS, 9 a.m. and 9.32 a.m. on SUNDAYS, and leave Milson's Point at 8.55 a.m. on both days.
The River Trip will occupy five hours.
Seventy miles by rail and 36 by steamer.
RETURN FARES, including Steamer Trip: FIRST-CLASS, 5s 6d; SECOND-CLASS, 3s 6d.
ROUND TRIPS between Sydney and Windsor on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, 21st and 22nd February.
By order of the Commissioners,
H. M'LACHLAN, Secretary.

Amusements.

OPERA HOUSE.
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.
Owing to the Elaborate Preparations necessary for the Production of
FAYETTE
this Theatre WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL SATURDAY NEXT, February 17th, when Miss JULIE DAVIES will make her First Appearance.

ILLUSIONS AND CYCLORAMA.
MAGIC, MIRTH, MYSTERY,
OPEN from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., and 7 to 10 p.m.
A COMBINATION OF WONDERS.
JERUSALEM AS IT WAS AT THE TIME OF CHRIST.
A City of Marble Palaces Resurrected.
Visions of Angels, Aerial Effects, &c.
Explanations at short intervals.
At 3 and 8 p.m., FULL LECTURES, with HIGH-CLASS MUSIC, THUNDER, LIGHTNING and STORM.
THE ILLUSIONS are shown after the 3 and 8 p.m. Lectures. NEW and STARTLING SIGHTS.
ADMISSION TO ALL, 1s; CHILDREN, 6d.

SYDNEY LIEDERTAFEL.
BUSHMEN'S FUND.
The attention of Members is directed to the Advertisement signed by Messrs. R. N. Southwell and N. J. Gehde, announcing a PRACTICE TO-NIGHT, at the Town Hall, for the "Continental," TO-MORROW Night, at the Camp, Kensington, in aid of the Bushmen's Fund.
Well-known part songs are to be rendered, and Members of the Liedertafel are invited to assist.
ROBERT B. PARRY, Hon. Secretary.
177 Pitt-street.

PATRIOTIC SPORTS CARNIVAL
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Under the Patronage of his Excellency the Admiral, the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Frederick Darley, K.C.M.G., &c.
ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S GROUNDS, WEDNESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, at 1.30 p.m.
The Largest and Most Varied Programme ever offered to the Public.
GRAND MARCH-PAST of the BUSHMEN'S and THIRD CONTINGENTS.
Military Events
Cycling Events
Buck-jumping Contests.
Eccentric and Comic Events.
The total proceeds to be divided between the Bushmen's and Patriotic Funds.
ADMISSION: ONE SHILLING; Children SIXPENCE.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON EXCURSIONS to the HAWKESBURY RIVER.
S.S. NEWCASTLE, 1251 tons,
NEXT SATURDAY (weather permitting), from Wharf foot of Market-street, at 2 o'clock sharp, arriving in Sydney on return about 7 p.m.
Tea 1s, provided by the Company. Band engaged.
Return Fare, 2s. F. J. THOMAS, Manager.
The N. and H. R. S. S. Co., Ltd., 147 Sussex-st., Syd.

CONTINENTAL AT THE BUSHMEN'S CAMP.
TO-MORROW NIGHT, at 7.30.
ENTRANCE ONE SHILLING.
Take tram to Kensington Platform, 2d.
Take 'bus platform to ground, 2d.
TO-MORROW NIGHT, at 7.30.
POPULAR, PATRIOTIC, PATHETIC PROGRAMME.
REHEARSAL for Men's Choruses To-night, Town Hall, at 8 o'clock. All willing to sing Soldiers' Chorus (Faust), "Comrades in Arms," "Sleeping Camp," &c., invited to attend. R. N. SOUTHWELL.

FOREST LODGE RACING CLUB.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1900.
14.2 HANDICAP, about 4½ furlongs.
13.1 HANDICAP, about 5½ furlongs.
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13.3 HANDICAP, about 3½ furlongs.
FOREST LODGE HANDICAP (all hgts.), abt. 5 furlongs.
Entrance fee for each Race, ½ sov. Entries for the above close at 5 p.m. TO-MORROW, Friday, February 16.
THOS. S. DONNELLAN, Secretary.
6 Inglis-chambers, 244 Pitt-street.

KENSINGTON RACES.
THIS DAY, THURSDAY.
6 EVENTS. GOOD ENTRIES.
Stand and Paddock, Gents., 7s 6d; Ladies, 5s.
Leger Reserve and Stand, 2s only.
First Event, 2.15 p.m.
TRAMS for Kensington and Randwick at 11.35 a.m., 12.5, 12.35, 12.55 (special), 1.5, 1.35, 1.50, 2.5, 2.20, and 2.35 p.m. Fare: 2d; Special Tram, 3d. Special 'Buses direct to the course: From Tivoli Theatre, via Castlereagh, Park, Elizabeth, and Oxford streets, from 12.40 p.m. to 1.40 p.m. From Broadway, Glebe, via Railway Station, at 1, 1.5, and 1.10 p.m. From Newtown Bridge, via Forbes and Abercrombie streets to Cleveland-street, at 1.10 p.m. From Waverley (via Randwick), corner of Nelson-street and Waverley-road, at 1 p.m.; Bondi Junction at 1.10 p.m. From Woollahra, corner of Oxford and Queen streets, opposite the Centennial Park Gates, via Oxford and Flinders streets, at 1.15 p.m. From Glebe Excelsior Hotel, Brougham-street, via Pyrmont Bridge, Market, George, and Oxford streets, at 1 and 1.10 p.m. Fare, 6d.
P. O'MARA, Secretary,
70 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

ZINGARI VETERANS Disengaged Next Saturday, with ground. C. Lloyd, 182 Phillip-st. Tel., 1256.

CRICKET Ground, Longueville, in Allotments, on Ground, NEXT SAT., 3 p.m. R. and W., Ltd.

PITT-STREET CONG. CHURCH LITERARY AND SOCIAL UNION.
TO-NIGHT, at 8 o'clock, in the School Hall, a Lecture will be given by Rev. W. A. Potts, of Adelaide, entitled "WIT AND HUMOUR."
Chairman, Rev. E. T. Dunstan. Collection.

MOONLIGHT EXCURSION to COOGEE TO-NIGHT. Special Trams, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Return fare 6d.

PARKESVALE PLEASURE GROUNDS, George's River, via Como.—Grand Afternoon's Outing, 40 miles for 1s 6d; 15 miles River Trip. See Govt. Railway Advt. Wednesday and Saturday. SANBROOK BROS., 232 N.

DANCING.—Young Lady wants LESSONS on Stage Dancing. Terms to Serio-Comic, Herald Office.

DANCING.—Prof. Smith's Visitors' Assembly To-night, Surreyville, Newtown-rd. Lessons daily. Tel., 50G.

MANDOLIN, Mandolira, and Guitar Studio.—Signor Podenzana, 18 Beale's-chambers, 482 George-st.

MANDOLIN, Violin, Guitar, Banjo Tuition, terms moderate. Peel's Teaching Studios, 5 Hunter-st.

THE ABSENT-MINDED BEGGAR.
The
SONG may now be obtained at
PALING'S, Limited, 338 George-street.

CRICKET Ground, Longueville, in Allotments, on Ground, NEXT SAT., 3 p.m. R. and W., Ltd.

Meetings.

AUSTRALIAN FREETRADE CONFERENCE.
The SITTINGS of the CONFERENCE will be Continued TO-DAY, Thursday, at 10.30 a.m. Afternoon Session 2.30, and Evening Session 7.30.

EARLY CLOSING ACT.—SHOPKEEPERS prejudicially affected by the Act, please attend a Representative MEETING at the School of Arts, Mount-street, North Sydney, TO-NIGHT, at 8. Also Oddfellows Hall, Queen street, Woollahra, To-morrow (Friday) Night. R. J. CALLAGHAN, Sec. Syd. and Sub. Reform League.

SYDNEY Clerks and Warehousemen's Benefit Association.—Annual MEETING and Smoke Concert TO-NIGHT, at Quong Tart's Rooms, King-street. Members and Friends invited. Free. 7.45 sharp.

SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN MUTUAL PERMANENT BUILDING AND LAND INVESTMENT ASSOCIATION, Limited.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Eighteenth Annual Ordinary General MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Mercantile Mutual-chambers, 118 Pitt-street, on TUESDAY AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock.
Business of the Meeting:
To receive the report and balance-sheet for the financial year ended January 31.
To elect two Directors in the place of Dr. A. H. Nash and Mr. Josiah Mullens, who retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election, and have given the requisite notice that they are candidates for the office.
To elect two Auditors.
And to transact such other business of which due notice shall have been given.
By order of the Board.
THOMAS DAVIS, Manager.
February 14, 1900.

REDHEAD COAL-MINING COMPANY, Limited.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty-fifth Annual General MEETING of the Company will be held at eleven o'clock a.m. on THURSDAY, the fifteenth day of February next, at the Company's office, No. 131 Pitt-street, Sydney, to receive Directors' Report and Balance-sheet to December 31 last; to elect a Director in lieu of the Hon. E. Vickery and an Auditor in lieu of Charles Mason, Esq., both of whom retire and are eligible for re-election; and to transact general business. By order of the Board. G. A. RICHARDS, Acting Manager. Sydney, January 4th, 1900.

THE SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN HYDRAULIC POWER COMPANY, Limited.
SHAREHOLDERS are reminded that the Eleventh Annual Ordinary General MEETING will be held at the Company's Registered Offices, Mutual Life of New York-building, Martin-place, Sydney, TO-DAY, 15th February, at 3 p.m.
TOM DICKINSON, Secretary.

L.O.L., No. 3 Derry.—A. P. Meeting To-night, St. Paul's Schoolroom, Redfern, 8 o'clock.

Building Materials.

F. J. MILLER and CO., 19 Duncan-street, off Bathurst-street, STEAM SAW and JOINERY MILLS, are Selling all kinds of TIMBER, GALV. IRON, DOORS, &c., AT THE LOWEST PRICES IN SYDNEY FOR CASH ONLY.
SAWING and DRESSING done for the Trade.

FREE SPECIAL TRAIN to WAHROONGA LAND SALE leaves Milson's Point at 2.10 o'clock NEXT SATURDAY AFTERNOON. Tickets and Litho. from HARDIE and GORMAN, 133 Pitt-street.

THE LAST MATINEE of
TESS OF THE D'URBERVILLES
will be given
TO-DAY, THURSDAY, FEB. 15, at 2.
AFTERNOON TEA FOR TESS MATINEES.—The institution of AFTERNOON TEA and ICES will be repeated at the last Matinee of "Tess" at the Theatre Royal This Afternoon.

THEATRE ROYAL.
Lessee and Manager, Mr. J. C. WILLIAMSON.
Bus. Mgr., Mr. Geo. Tallis; Treasurer, Mr. R. Stewart.
Stage Manager.............Mr. W. F. Hawtrey.
"FAREWELL PERFORMANCES of A GREAT PLAY."
THE LAST TWO NIGHTS
OF
TESS
OF THE D'URBERVILLES.

EDITH CRANE	as	TESS
THOMAS KINGSTON	as	ANGEL CLARE
TYRONE POWER	as	ALEC D'URBERVILLE

And the full strength of
Mr. WILLIAMSON'S DRAMATIC ORGANISATION.
Box Plan at Elvy's. PRICES: Dress Circle and Reserved Stalls, 5s; Stalls, 3s; Family Circle, One Shilling. Early Door, Family Circle ONLY, to 7.30 p.m., 1s extra. Children in arms not admitted.

THEATRE ROYAL.
"My life has passed into hers, and every note she sings, I know that it is killing both her and me."
TRILBY
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SATURDAY NEXT, FEBRUARY 17,
will be presented for the first time in four years, under exceptionally interesting circumstances, the "Success of Five Continents,"
TRILBY
TRILBY,
introducing
Miss EDITH CRANE.........as.........TRILBY
(her Original Character, played for upwards of 500 Nights in America and Australia),
and
Mr. TYRONE POWER.........as.........SVENGALI
(for the first time),
and the Following Remarkable Cast in every respect,
ENTIRELY NEW TO SYDNEY.

Mr CYRIL KEIGHTLY	as	Taffy
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Mr. CECIL WARD	as	Zou Zou
Mr. HARRY HILL	as	Dodor
Mr. T. MIDDLETON	as	Antony
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ENTIRELY NEW SCENERY, BY GOATCHER.
BOX PLAN NOW OPEN AT ELVY'S.

SPORTS.—The Cricket Ground, Longueville, in Allotments, on Ground, Next Sat., 3 p.m. R. and W., Ltd.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.
THE LAST MATINEE OF THE PANTOMIME
will be given on
SATURDAY AFTERNOON NEXT,
at 2 p.m.
(Children Half-price to all parts.)

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.
Sole Lessee and Manager, Mr. J. C. WILLIAMSON.
Busn. Manager, Geo. L. Goodman. Treas., J. B. Moutrie.
EIGHTH WEEK
and
LAST 3 NIGHTS of THE PANTOMIME
and
FAREWELL
to J. C. Williamson's Great Spectacle,
LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD,
the most Popular Extravaganza ever presented in Sydney.
BRILLIANT SUCCESS
of
THE
GRAND EXTRA SPECIAL EDITION,
presenting
MANY NEW and ATTRACTIVE FEATURES.
NEW SPECIALTIES,
and a thrilling, realistic
NEW BATTLE SCENE AND TABLEAU
(painted by PHIL GOATCHER),
depicting
THE STORMING OF THE KOPJE
AND TABLEAU OF THE
BATTLE OF ELANDSLAAGTE,
introducing
THE MOST FAMOUS REGIMENTS of the EMPIRE,
including
THE UNDAUNTED NAVAL BRIGADE
THE FAMOUS GRENADIER GUARDS
THE DASHING ROYAL IRISH
THE BRAVE GORDON HIGHLANDERS,
and the gallant
NEW SOUTH WALES LANCERS.
LAST THREE NIGHTS
of
THE GRAND BALLET CHAMPETRE.
THE MINUET A LA WATTEAU.
THE WONDERFUL HAUNTED FOREST.
THE CLEVER FAUST SISTERS.
THE ABSENT-MINDED BEGGAR,
SUNG by Miss DOROTHY VANE and FULL CHORUS,
And the
1001 ATTRACTIVE FEATURES
OF THIS INIMITABLE PRODUCTION.
SCENERY by GOATCHER and GORDON.
GORGEOUS COSTUMES by Miss EMILY NATHAN.
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WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. M. Creagan, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Chestnut Mare, 6 years, about 15.2, broken to saddle and harness, good mover, and quiet.

PONY SULKY TURNOUT.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. K. Manafee, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
FAST BAY PONY GELDING, quiet and reliable in saddle and harness, stand trams; 3-spring Sulky and Harness, in splendid order.

6 USEFUL HARNESS HORSES. 6
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Geo. Day, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
1 Active Draught Horse, suitable for van, and 5 useful Light Harness Horses.

THICK-SET PONY and TRAVELLER'S BUGGY.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Thick-set Bay Pony, 14 hands high, thoroughly broken to saddle and harness; good strong Traveller's Buggy, in first-class order.

THIS DAY, Feb. 15th, two BROUGHAM CABS, licensed 1900.
Two Horses, two Sets Harness, all good repair.
Owner no further use.

HANDSOME bay MARE, superior Side-seat Sulky, and Harness; also, Pent-shaft Sulky, Tam o' Shanter Pony and Harness. SALE THIS DAY, 12, at W. INGLIS and SON'S.

CHESTNUT GELDING SINGHA.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, on TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 12 o'clock,
Chestnut Gelding Singha, 4 years, by Splendour (imp.), from Lady Agnes, by Neckersgat from Peradventure (imp.), the dam of Gossamer.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.
65 SIXTY-FIVE HEAD. 65
CAMPERDOWN YARDS.
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 2.30 P.M.
UPSTANDING LIGHT HORSES, REMOUNTS, AND GUNNERS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction as above,
On account of Messrs. WHITFEL and BORTHWICK, Trarbs,
40 Upstanding Colts and Fillies, 4 and 5 years old, suitable for buggy, 'bus, cab, and general light harness work, principally unbroken.
Amongst the number are a few good strong sorts suitable for ARTILLERY work; also several saddle and harness horses, thoroughly broken in.
On account WESTERN AGENTS, trucked at Bourke,
15 Light Harness and Saddle Horses, 4 to 6 years old, broken and unbroken.
On account Messrs. WAUGH and CO., Walcha,
10 upstanding light Horses, with quality and substance, in good condition, broken-in.
Among the lot are a number suitable for the INDIAN MARKET.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock sharp,
On account of Messrs. S. M'Minn, T. Briggs, D. Buller, M'Intosh, and other Owners,
60 First-class MILCH COWS, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts.
At half-past 3 o'clock,
80 First-class Dry and Fat Cattle.

4 VERY SUPERIOR MILCH COWS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Saml. M'Minn to sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, at 11 a.m. sharp,
4 Very Choice Milch Cows, giving 18 quarts daily, very quiet and docile; worthy the attention of gentlemen requiring cows for private use.

BUTCHERS. BUTCHERS. BUTCHERS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction at their Railway Yards, George-street, THIS DAY, at half-past 2 o'clock,
20 Prime Fat Calves, from Campbelltown
30 Ditto ditto ditto, from Picton
20 Ditto ditto ditto, from Camden
20 Ditto ditto Pigs, from Camden
25 Ditto ditto ditto, Picton
15 Ditto ditto ditto, from Campbelltown
30 Ditto ditto ditto, from suburban Owners.

FOUR-WHEEL DOGCART TURNOUT.
E. BEADELL has for Private SALE light four-wheel Dogcart, in perfect order, very strong, thick-set, dappled grey Gelding, a great goer, sound and quiet. Set English Harness, complete.
The above is a useful turnout, can be highly recommended, and is only for sale on account of the owner leaving the colony.
On view at
BEADELL'S BAZAAR,
68 Hunter-street.

THIS DAY, February 15th, at the CITY MART, at half-past 11 o'clock.
Special Shipment of CEYLON TEAS, ex OCEANA, now landing.
Also,
An Invoice of INDIAN SOUCHONGS and PEKOES, to close an account.
By order of Messrs. FRASER, RAMSAY, and CO., and other Importers.
201 Chests CEYLON TEAS
278 Chests INDIAN TEAS
As per Catalogues issued.
FRASER, UTHER, AND CO. will sell by auction, as above.
MUSTERS on view at the City Mart Tea Rooms.

CRICKET Ground, Longueville, in Allotments, on Ground, NEXT SAT., 3 p.m. R. and W., Ltd.

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE NOTICE.
To Gentry Furnishing in City and Country.
THE SUPERIOR MODERN ART FURNISHINGS
AND ELEGANT APPOINTMENTS of
CURRAWEENA, ABBOTSFORD-ROAD, HOMEBUSH,
the Residence of J. A. Fairbairn, Esq.,
have been Removed to
THE BURWOOD SALEROOMS
FOR ADEQUATE DISPLAY AND CONVENIENCE,
and are to be Sold by PUBLIC AUCTION
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11 a.m.,
and Continuing all day, as Every Lot must be Cleared, to make room for other consignments to arrive.
The SUITES and REQUISITES of 8 Rooms and Domestic Offices are included in the above lot.
*** In addition to above, there is a Large Quantity for UNRESERVED SALE for various owners and in various estates.
*** Two Magnificent PIANOS to be sent in, viz.:—A WILMER PIANO, cost £75 at Nicholson's, and another Grand German PIANO to arrive.
Buyers of Musical instruments and the better class of Household Furnishings should attend this Sale.
*** A REALLY SPLENDID LOT,
including a
SOLID WALNUT 6ft. SIDEBOARD AND TABLE
Several Handsome Carpets, Wardrobes
Toilets; Double, Three-quarter, and Single Bedsteads
Excellent Kitchen Requisites.
GENT.'S BICYCLE, LADY'S BICYCLES, &c.
Terms as Usual—PROMPT NET CASH.
N.B.—Anyone having a good ORGAN to sell will find a Buyer at this Sale. Send it straight away if prepared to accept fair reasonable figure. Might ring us up.
Telephone, 200 Burwood.

STRONGMAN AND WATSON,
Furniture and Fine Art Auctioneers.

CRICKET Ground, Longueville, in Allotments, on Ground, NEXT SAT., 3 p.m. R. and W., Ltd.

WAVERLEY.
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, at 11 a.m.
On the Premises,
VENTNOR, LEICHHARDT-STREET, WAVERLEY.
ATTRACTIVE and UNRESERVED SALE by AUCTION of
HIGH-CLASS and SUPERIOR FURNITURE,
a few of the principal articles of which comprise
VALUABLE UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, Steinweg,
ELEGANT DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE,
Costly Bric-a-brac and Ornaments, Choice Glassware,
ROYAL AXMINSTER CARPETS, CABINETS and SUITES.
DINING-ROOM FURNITURE IN SOLID WALNUT.
8ft. SIDEBOARD, 10ft. EXTENDING DINING-TABLE,
DINING-ROOM SUITE, 9 pieces.
OVERMANTELS, CUTLERS DESK, MARBLE CLOCKS,
A1 E.P. Ware, China, Cutlery, Glassware.
SOLID WALNUT HALL FURNITURE.
THE BEDROOM FURNISHINGS in
SOLID WALNUT and SPANISH MAHOGANY
MAGNIFICENT SOLID WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE
BEDROOM SUITE in SPANISH MAHOGANY
BLACK and BRASS MOUNTED BEDSTEADS,
Nearly New Bedding, Overmantels,
Bedroom Requisites.
THE FURNISHINGS OF SIX MINOR BEDROOMS.
VALUABLE PICTURES, ETCHINGS, and PAINTINGS.
HOUSEHOLD and LAUNDRY REQUISITES.
As set out in
Descriptive Book Catalogues, which may be obtained from the Auctioneers or VENTNOR, as above.
*** Ventnor will be open for inspection This Day, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BARNARD AND CO.
have been instructed to sell as above
POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE.
Auctioneers' Offices, 74 Castlereagh-street.

TO THE RETAIL FANCY GOODS BUYERS, DEALERS, and OTHERS.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PROPRIETOR AT MY NEW MART.
THIS DAY, 15th FEBRUARY, at 11 o'clock sharp.
The Whole of his
VERY EXTENSIVE and WELL-ASSORTED STOCK of
GENERAL FANCY GOODS, DOLLS, TOYS, &c.,
comprising
Skin Horses, Rocking Horses, Vases (assorted), Trumpets, Tin Toys, Tea Sets, Mouth Organs, Photo Frames, Musical Albums, China Figures, Lemon Squeezers, Butters, Necklets, Mirrors, Drawing Slates, Dolls, Purses, Beads, Ld. Balls and Toys, Musical Tops, Donkeys, Paints, Writing Sets, Toy Buckets, School Bags, Bats, Stumps, Trumpets, Puzzles, Drums, &c.
Also,
IN A DECEASED ESTATE.
TABLE CUTLERY of all descriptions, Dish Covers
POCKET KNIVES, SCISSORS, RAZORS, BUTCHERS' KNIVES
CARVERS and FORKS, BREAD KNIVES, CORK-SCREWS
BUTCHERS' STEELS, PLATED FORK, TABLE, DESSERT, and TEA SPOONS.
HARRY ISAACS
has received instructions to sell the above at his New Mart, rear Bull's-chambers, Moore-street, city.
WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST RESERVE.

SPORTS.—The Cricket Ground, Longueville, in Allotments, on Ground, Next Sat., 3 p.m. R. and W., Ltd.

THIS DAY.
CONTINUATION SALE OF UNREDEEMED JEWELLERY.
On the Premises of the
N. S. WALES MONT DE PIETE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT COMPANY,
of 74 Castlereagh-street.
At 10.30 o'clock, the Balance of SUNDRIES.
At 11 o'clock, JEWELLERY, comprising
Gold and Silver Chronograph Levers and Waltham Watches
Single-stone and Half-hoop Diamond Rings
Diamond Brooches and Earrings, Bangles, Lockets, Studs, and Breastpins, &c.
Gold Alberts, Necklets, Chains, and Links
Signet, Keeper, Wedding, and Dress Rings.
JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions from the N. S. Wales Mont de Piete D. and I. Co. to sell by auction, on their Premises, 74 Castlereagh-street, as above.

THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock.
77 Redfern-street, Redfern, adjacent to White's Bakery.
ABSOLUTELY UNRESERVED SALE of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, PIANO, &c., comprising
PIANO by E. Belling in Handsome Walnut Case, Iron Frame (perfect instrument)
Sideboard, Leather Dining-room Suite, Dining Table and Cover, Fender and Irons, Curtains, and Sundries
3 Single Bedsteads and Bedding, A1 order
Washstands and Ware, Rugs, Blankets, Combinations, Odeloth, Kitchen Utensils, &c.
JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions to sell the above THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock. Terms cash, no res.

UNREDEEMED PLEDGES.
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction at his rooms, 247a Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, February 22nd, the unredeemed pledges pawned with Mr. J. Bloom, 118 Bathurst-street.
1898, October—3, sil cup; 5th, s h lever, s albert 3031. 1899, Jan.—9th, s mtd claret jug, fork, spoon, 2 s rings; 10th, s h k watch 2005024; 20th, g albert, medal, g h k Waltham 2290004, g albert medal; 21st, pin. Feby.—15th, s h k g lever 70098; 21st, g brooch, d ring. March—2nd, 3-stone dia ring; 21st, s h watch 8482. April—1st, g c bangle; 7th, stone brooch; 12th, g h l watch 16291; 20th, s h Wal. 3538686; 22nd, band ring; 24th, s o f lever 10216; 27th, dia h s pn; 28th, s h lever 19455; 29th, g fob albert, g albert. May—1st, dress ring, s h lever 290665; 2nd, g coin; 8th, dia snake ring, s s d ring; 9th, g albert, s h lever 35641, s h Wal. 5250229; 11th, g o f watch 4482, g albert, fob albert, s h lever 6624, s albert; 12th, 15 ct albert, pen case; 13th, 2 g charms; 15th, r g h k Wal 7575199, g albert, s h lever 11548, 18 s o f watch 354930, h h dia ring; 20th, g h k gen 20848, g albert, 2 g rings; 22nd, s h k Wal 1740062; 23rd, g albert; 24th, s h lever 139171; 26th, keeper; 27th, ring; s h lever 23072, g albert; 30th, s h k watch 230472, g brooch. June—1st, r g h k Wal 3997861, g o f watch 39543, g albert, s s d ring, dia pin; 2nd, s h geneva 109236; 6th, 3 dia studs, 6 dia ring; 7th, s h k Elgin 3494727, g ring, pin albert; 8th, w ring; 9th, g links studs, g bracelet; 10th, buckle ring; 18 ct albert; 14th, pce lace, scarf, 2 fans, 6 g studs, pin, 6 serviettes, 6 knives, g medal brooch, 1 dish, e p teapot, 6 glasses, 2 pins, p case; 17th, dress ring, g albert; 19th, s h lever 17854, buckle ring, g chain, coin, dia stone ring; 22nd, s h k watch 1228040; 23rd, s o f lever 28987, 3 g rings; 24th, s h lever 187498, s albert, h k Wal 6244372, s s d ring; July—1st, dia stone ring; 3rd, s h k lever, 317168, g mtd brooch, s o f lever 1943; 8th, s h k chrono 410848, g albert, buckle ring, w ring; 10th, sig ring; 11th, s h lever 91444, g albert, nug ring; 13th, pickle frame, s h lever 4070, s albert ring; 15th s h k Wal 7597424, s h geneva, s o f lever 13527, albert pin, guitar; 17th, s o f s watch 81965, w ring; 18th, band ring, s h Wal 4724534, g albert; 19th pce serge; 26th, mackintosh, overcoat, 1 set links, h k Wal 7533046; 21st, s h k Wal 1451225, g albert, overcoat; 22nd, g h geneva 17962; 25th, g brooch; 26th, s h lever albert 44882, s h lever 222457, s albert; 27th, h s machine, g brooch, suit; 31st, suit, s h lever 81792, s albert. August—1st, s h k Wal 10 8643, g h k lever 2724; 2nd, dia stud, g necklet, coat, vest; 3rd, s o f Wal 4459477, g albert; 4th, g albert; 5th, g bag and contents; 7th, ring, s h watch 19681, g albert, h k watch 233542, sil albert; 8th, overcoat; 9th, dress, h k Wal 8006621, sil cup, o f k sil albert, g ring, suit, 6 sil tea spoons; 12th, band ring, trousers, d piece, salad servers, g ring; 14th, g albert, pendant, mackintosh, g h k geneva 165884, g fob albert, opera glasses, 2 aneroids, g c bangle, fob albert; 17th, suit; 19th, mackintosh, wallaby rug; 21st, overcoat; 24th, suit; 28th, trousers, suit; 30th, mack, september—1st, suit; 2nd, mack, cape, gloves, 6 doz. hkchfs, mack; 4th, d suit, e p pickle frame; 8th dress, 9th, violin and case, suit, rug; 11th, G bag, d suit, lens; 12th, d suit; 13th, microscope; 16th, suit; 19th, suit; 21st, coat, 35 pcs forks and spoons; 20th, suit, trousers; 22nd, banjo, suit; 23rd, lea bag; 25th, f glasses, d suit; 28th, concertina, suit; 27th, suit; 29th, suit. Oct.—7th, 2 pcs. tweed; 10th, h bag, dress suit; 11th, suit, d suit, mac, m box, top machine, f table; 14th d suit, ; 18th, 23 pcs plated ware, suit, trousers, riding habit, carriage clock; 20th, trous, vest, shirt; 23rd, mac; 24th, overcoat, boots, suit, trousers; 27th, 50 pieces knives, forks, spoons, suit, trousers, set pyramid Smalls; 28th, counterpanes, blanket, cornet; 30th, coat, vest, silk shawl, 3 pieces, d suit. Nov.—11th, violin in case.
Also a large quantity of jewellery, clothing, and sundries upon which 5s and under has been lent.

THIS DAY, February 15th, at 11 a.m.
UNREDEEMED PLEDGES.
A. G. JENKINS will sell at THIS ROOMS, 274 PITT-STREET, the UNREDEEMED PLEDGES pawned with Mr. W. B. M'FARLAN, at his office, Riley-street, Surry Hills, and Shepherd-street, city, consisting of Men's and Women's Wearing Apparel, House and Table Linen, Boots and Shoes, &c.

CRICKET Ground, Longueville, in Allotments, on Ground, NEXT SAT., 3 p.m. R. and W., Ltd.

ARNOTT'S
MILK ARROWROOTS,
THE CHILDREN'S BISCUITS.
ASK FOR ARNOTT'S.

Auction Sales.

LAWSON, CARO, AND CO., Limited,
AUCTION ROOMS, 128-130 PITT-STREET, near King-street.
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 16th, AT 11 A.M.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION of
SUPERIOR FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS,
including
the Complete Furnishings Removed from a Residence at BALMAIN.
And on Account of Various Vendors.
GLASSWARE, CHINA, CUTLERY, and ELECTROPLATE.
AMERICAN WALNUT SIDEBOARD, size 6ft., fitted with Bevelled-edged Mirror Back, and conveniently constructed with Drawers, Cupboards, and Wine Cellarette.
HANDSOME DINING-ROOM SUITE, upholstered in Leather (nine pieces).
TELESCOPE DINING TABLES, with Patent Screws and Spare Leaves, extending 8 and 10 feet.
ENCLOSED DINNER WAGGON.
LARGE CHESTERFIELD LOUNGE.
HANDSOME OVERMANTELS.
ROYAL AXMINSTER and BRUSSELS CARPETS.
ELEGANT DRAWING FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS,
including
HANDSOME CABINET in American Walnut.
SUPERB OCCASIONAL SUITES.
BAMBOO AND RATTAN FURNITURE.
DIVAN EASY CHAIRS, upholstered in Saddlebags.
OCCASIONAL TABLES and CHAIRS.
CHOIC ORNAMENTS.
VALUABLE OIL PAINTINGS and WATER-COLOUR DRAWINGS.
SEVERAL VALUABLE PIANOFORTES by renowned makers, including
WALNUT UPRIGHT, by WILMER
DITTO DITTO, by DENDY and SON
WALNUT DRAWING-ROOM GRAND, by KAPS.
BEDROOM FURNISHINGS,
including
SUITES for DOUBLE and SINGLE APARTMENTS,
SINGLE WARDROBES,
DOUBLE and SINGLE BEDSTEADS,
furnished with Double-wove spring Mattresses and Best Kapok Bedding complete.
EUGENIE LOUNGES.
SINGER'S LATEST IMPROVED SEWING MACHINE, almost new.
TWO PATENT MANGLES.
ICE CHESTS.
KITCHEN REQUISITES,
&c., &c., &c.
LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Limited.

JAMES R. LAWSON,
AUCTIONEER,
have been favoured with instructions to conduct the important Sale by auction as above at
THE ROOMS,
128-130 PITT-STREET,
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 16th, AT 11 A.M.
WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.
TO PRIVATE BUYERS, the TRADE, &c.
THIS DAY, THURSDAY,
15th FEBRUARY,
at 11 a.m.
AT 94 OXFORD-STREET, PADDINGTON,
opposite Green's-road.
In consequence of Mr. Hackney having entered into another business.
ABSOLUTELY
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION of
THE STOCK of
FURNITURE, BEDSTEADS and BEDDING, &c., &c.
HORSE, CART, and HARNESS.
Wardrobes, Toilet Pairs, Chests of Drawers, Toilet Glasses, Toilet Tables, Washstands, Bedroom Chairs, Rockers, several single and Double Bedsteads, Wire M., and Bedding,
including
ONE GOOD 4ft. 6in. PARISIAN BEDSTEAD, Black with Brass Mounts, fitted with Wire Mattress, and Kapok Bedding.
Wire Mattresses, all sizes, Flock and Kapok Mattresses, Bolsters, Pillows, &c., Cots, Wire Stretchers, Austrian Chairs, Cretonne Couches, Eugenie Lounge, Box Ottoman, Cretonne Chairs, Sideboards, Chiffoniers, Bookcases, Dining Tables, Oval Cedar Table, Hall Stand, Oval Walnut Table, Occl. Tables, Whatnots, Pictures, Ornaments, Pier Glass, Marble-top Washstands, Kitchen Tables, Safes, Dressers, Kitchen Chairs.
IRON BARBERS' CHAIRS, in PLUSH (new).
Office Tables, Desks, Travelling Trunks.
Several Good Sewing Machines.
Crockery, Lolly Bottles, Lolly Glasses, Fish Globes, Preserving Jars, Bird Glasses, Lamp Chimneys, Lamps, Ice Glasses, Flatirons, Bird Cages, Sets of Steps
Galvanised Buckets, Washup Dishes, Tubs, Hip Bath.
Cooking Range, Gas Stove, Knife Cleaner.
CROQUET SET.
LARGE AVIARY, Sheets of Silvered Glass (small), suitable for toilet glasses and wall mirrors.
Large Quantity of Bedstead Parts, Posts, Angle Irons, Head and Foot Rails &c.; Carpenter's Bench.
And a Large Assortment of Sundries.
As the Catalogue is a long one, LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.
N.B.—THERE WILL NOT BE THE SLIGHTEST RESERVE.

H. W. BROOK AND CO. have received instructions to sell THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.
TO DRAPERS, CLOTHING BUYERS, DEALERS, AND OTHERS.
FOR UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION.
UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THOSE CONCERNED.
AT THE ROOMS, 12 BARRACK-STREET,
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15,
AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP.
MEN'S, BOYS', and YOUTHS' CLOTHING,
FANCY TWEEDS, WOOLLENS, and SUITINGS,
LADIES' TAILOR-MADE COSTUMES,
Also,
LARGE ASSORTMENT GENERAL DRAPERY,
in Dress Goods, Prints, Cashmeres, Velveteens, Flannelettes, Chemises, Nights, Shirts, Hosiery, Blouses, Linings, Braces, Ties, &c.
Also,
on Account of those Concerned,
85 DOZ. MEN'S FLEXIBLE HATS,
4 Cases STRAW HATS,
500 DOZ. GILT JEWELLERY.

A. TRAVERSI AND CO. will sell the above, at their Rooms, 12 Barrack-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, February 15, at 11 o'clock sharp,
WITHOUT RESERVE.

NEW MODE OF SELLING AND LETTING PROPERTY
by
Open Call
IVAN HENRY
offers
Daily at his Call Room,
134 Pitt-street,
at 2.30 o'clock sharp.
Properties for Sale and to Let.

IN BANKRUPTCY.
ESTATE of SIDNEY PHILLIP SLADE.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, at 11.30,
IN THE ROOMS, 86 PITT-STREET.
BY ORDER OF THE OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE.
The Official Assignee's Right, Title, and Interest (if any) in and to the Bankrupt's one-seventeenth (1-17) Interest under the Will of his Father, the late Mr. Joseph Slade, of Randwick.
A Copy of the Will can be inspected and full particulars can be obtained at the office of the Official Assignee, 182 Phillip-street.
C. F. W. LLOYD, in conjunction with RAINE and HORNE, will sell by auction, in their Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, February 22, at 11.30,
The above. TERMS CASH.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales,
Sheriff's Office, Sydney,
12th Feby., 1900.
W. H. Read v. Frost, F.C.S.
ON THURSDAY, the 15th day of February, 1900, at noon, unless the Writ of Fieri Facias herein be previously satisfied, the Sheriff will cause to be sold by Public Auction at 205 Parramatta-road, Leichhardt,
A quantity of Furniture, 5 Sewing Machines, Bicycle, &c.
TERMS CASH.
C. E. B. MAYBURY, Sheriff.
KING and SCHRAEDER,
Plaintiff's Attorneys,
161 Pitt-street,
Sydney.

SPORTS.—The Cricket Ground, Longueville, in Allotments, on Ground, Next Sat., 3 p.m. R. and W., Ltd.

Auction Sales.

ORDER OF SALE
SHARE and PROPERTY to be submitted by Public AUCTION THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
by
HUGH DUFF and CO. at THEIR SALEROOMS, 109 PITT-STREET.
SHARE.—One CIVIL SERVICE CO-OPERATIVE SHARE.
WAVERLEY, RUTHVEN-STREET.—IRENE, a Semi-detached House, 4 rooms, kitchen with range, bathroom, washhouse, tubs, and cop. &c. With the Property will be offered the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
Full particulars from
HUGH DUFF and CO., Auctioneers,
109 Pitt-street.

AUCTIONEERS' NOTICE.
The property at CHATSWOOD advertised for Sale TO-DAY is WITHDRAWN until further notice.
HUGH DUFF and CO., 109 Pitt-street.

ORDER OF SALE
OF PROPERTIES
to be sold by public auction,
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11.30,
in the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street.

SURRY HILLS. Cleveland-street and High Holborn-street.	Subdivision of 32 Allotments fronting Cleveland-street and High Holborn-street, Torrens Title.
WAVERLEY, Council-street.	2 semi-detached Houses, Numbers 1 and 3, each containing 6 rooms, Torrens Title
WAVERLEY, Macpherson-street.	Fine Building Site, 60 x 160 to a 20ft. lane at rear.
BURWOOD, Gordon-street.	2 semi-detached Houses, known as Normanby and Rosebery. Mortgagee's Sale.
SMITHFIELD, Westbernil Park.	Orchard Property, consisting of 20 acres, with trees in full bearing and Weatherboard Homestead. Mortgagee's Sale.
NORTH ANNANDALE, Booth and Trafalgar streets.	Terrace of 14 Houses and 1 Shop, rents £260. Torrens Title. Mortgagee's Sale.
WILLOUGHBY, Gordon-road.	Detached Shop Property, close to Gore Hill Brick Works. Title Torrens.
BURWOOD, Wilga-street.	Excellent Site for speculative builder, 100 x 175. Torrens Title.

RAINE and HORNE, Auctioneers, 86 Pitt-street.

ORDER OF SALE
CITY and SUBURBAN PROPERTIES
to be
SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.,
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY.
CITY.—Double-frontage Block in PITT and O'CONNELL STREETS, with the BANK OF NEW ZEALAND, Pitt-street and Block of Offices, Nos. 27 and 3 O'Connell-street thereon.
SURRY HILLS.—Matilda Cottage, No. 576 Crown-street, almost opposite Devonshire-street. Executors' Sale.
NEWTOWN.—Corner Allotment, King and Holmwood streets, Lot 6, sec. A, Holmwood Estate.
GLEBE POINT.—Superior Residence, Bathwell, Forsyth-road and Avon-street. Executors' Sale.
WOOLLAHRA.—House, Iona, No. 87 Denison-street, corner Point Piper-road. Leasehold.
BALMAIN.—Waterside House, Desmond Villa, Peacock's Point.
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DITTO.—House, Warwah, Arthur-street, little south of Junction-street. Executors' Sale.
DITTO.—House, No. 48 M'Laren-street, little west of Miller-street. Executors' Sale.
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DITTO.—Three Cottages, Nos. 2, 3, and 4 Durham-street, between Canterbury New-road and railway line.
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THE AUSTRALIAN FREETRADE CONFERENCE.

DRAFTING A PROGRAMME.

The Intercolonial Freetrade Conference was opened at noon yesterday in the large hall of the Equitable Building, George-street. This conference was the result of a prolonged correspondence between the freetrade leaders of New South Wales and Victoria, and the consequent establishment in this colony of a provisional committee, of which the Hon. E. Pulsford, M.L.C., was appointed as chairman, and Messrs. F. E. M'Lean, M.L.A., and Frank Grimley as hon. secretaries. The correspondence also led to the appointment of delegates by the freetrade organisations in Victoria and South Australia, and through the cooperation of both parties in Queensland politics, prominent freetrade representatives were appointed in the northern colony.

The gentlemen who answered to their names when the roll was called were:—New South Wales: The Hon. John Hughes, M.L.C., the Hon. E. Pulsford, M.L.C., Messrs. J. Ashton, M.L.A., A. Geoffrey Eagar, Frank Grimley, F. E. M'Lean, M.L.A., Varney Parkes, M.L.A., Bruce Smith, J. T. Walker, F. Walsh, T. J. Hebblewhite, John Haynes, M.L.A., C. T. Benshaw, W. Harding, J. H. Carruthers, M.L.A., and George Pile.

Victoria: Messrs. E. D. Crellin, E. H. Cromley, G. B. Good, J. E. Edmondson, Max Hirsch, J. Macgregor, L. Outhwaite, A. W. H. White, W. H. Welch, W. H. Renwick, C. W. Heron, J. E. Mackey.

Queensland: Messrs. John Leahy, M.L.A., A. J. Carter, A. M. Kirkland, E. B. Graham, J. M. Niall.

South Australia: The Hon. D. M. Charleston, M.L.C., Messrs. D. Williams, W. L. Waterman, and T. H. Webb.

The Hon E Pulsford, M.L.C., as chairman of the New South Wales Provisional Committee, extended a hearty welcome to the delegates from the other colonies, and expressed the hope that the deliberations of the conference would be beneficial to the interests of the cause which they had met to further.

On the motion of the Hon D. M. Charleston, M.L.C. (S.A.), seconded by Mr. J Haynes, M.L.A. (N.S.W.), the Hon. John Hughes, M.L.C. (N.S.W.), was appointed president of the conference. Mr. Hughes took the chair and briefly returned thanks for the distinguished honour conferred upon him.

On the motion of Mr. F. Grimley, seconded by Mr. E. Pulsford, Messrs. F. E. M'Lean (N.S.W.) and W. H. Renwick (Vic.) were appointed secretaries to the conference.

ADDRESS BY MR. PULSFORD.

The Hon. E. Pulsford, M.L.C., opened the conference with the following address:—Although our presence here to-day indicates a very living interest in freedom of trade, it can still be asserted without doubt that very few freetraders recognise the full importance of their principles, since it is quite easy to lose sight of much of the practical good which results from them when they are allowed full play. We are accustomed to discuss the relative prosperity of freetrade Great Britain on one hand, as compared with that of protectionist America, Germany, and France on the other hand, and to think that the result of the comparison tells us the whole truth. But, in fact, the comparison lies only at the gateway of the inquiry, and I venture the unhesitating assertion that the freedom of trade which has done so much for Great Britain has also done a great deal for every other country under the sun, and is really the cause of much of the prosperity which we see in protectionist countries. The power of a big open market is truly very great, and the open market of Great Britain has done wonders to call forth the slumbering energies of the world. That country is the world's big customer. The United States, France, Germany, and other countries find in Great Britain the main support of their export trade. Further than this, it can be said that there is not a single real protectionist country in the world; there is not one so-called protectionist country that does or dare carry out the principles of restriction. This is seen in a marked manner in connection with an article peculiarly interesting to Australia—wool. In Germany and France sheep are to be counted by tens of millions, and according to the fiscal principles under which those countries are governed the sheep farmers should be "protected;" but these important countries throw over both their principle and their sheep farmers, and admit wool free of duty. The same thing is seen in other directions. It is noteworthy, therefore, that while Great Britain adheres strictly to her principles, and will not "protect" a single industry, that the professing protectionist countries, one and all, dilute their protection with more or less of the principles of freetrade. In Australia the open market of New South Wales has undoubtedly been a continuous source of prosperity to the sister colonies, and an important factor in the general advance of Australia, whilst the restrictive policy of Victoria has clearly tended to the injury of her neighbours, and to lessen Australian growth. Who ever heard of a Victorian protectionist claiming that his colony's fiscal policy did any good in the world outside of Victoria itself? The only object, professed or expected, was advantage to Victoria. I am waiting with some curiosity to hear what the ardent advocates of the exclusion of the productions of the sister colonies have got to say to us now. They have committed themselves to a friendly policy to their sisters, but there it seems they wish to draw the line and to ask all the sisters to unite in an unfriendly policy to the mother country, and all other countries outside Australia—English speaking or otherwise. The time seems ripe for a public consideration of the part that has been played by the enlightened policy of Great Britain in bringing about the development of commerce that marks the world generally. How much of the greater general prosperity and comfort existing in the world to-day is due to that policy, and it may be asked by Australians, in several colonies at any rate, "How far have we, whilst benefiting by that policy, actively supported it?" It is probable that the historians of the nineteenth century will marvel at the absolute control which Great Britain gave her colonies in their own affairs, and will not fail to note that this very power was speedily used to put the giver of it at a disadvantage by restricting the free importation of her manufactured goods. At a time when all Australia is aglow with patriotic fervour this phase of our public life might well be examined, and as a help in this work I give an extract from a letter received by me, so far back as 1887, from the late Right Hon. W. B. Dalley, which was written in response to a suggestion that Mr. Dalley should give an address on commerce and the Empire. "You have suggested, in your note the precise ground which, I should have thought, would have commended the cause to all lovers of the Empire, and all who are desirous of discussing a great subject, not as one to be treated in warehouses and exchanges, but in the Parliamentary Chambers, which cannot fail to perceive how intimately are blended the preservation of the freedom of our commerce and the perpetuation of our Empire. In the absence of this great thought, and in the forgetfulness of the duties which it involves, there is much to be said on the side of those to whom you are opposed. But nothing can be said to qualify the statement that a fettered trade is a defective loyalty to the Empire, which has based its policy upon absolute freedom, and which is rebuked and to some extent enfeebled before the world, when that policy is practically protested against by any portion of the Empire." I commend to public consideration these wise words of the late Mr. Dalley. As you know, this gentleman took a foremost part in despatching the first contingent that ever left Australian shores, the Soudan Expedition, in 1885. Had he lived he would have been among the most enthusiastic over recent similar events, and probably he would have to-day still more emphatically spoken in condemnation of "a fettered trade" and "defective loyalty."

Now take another and a very important point. So far as I know, no country in the world relatively to population sends abroad so many million pounds worth of produce as Australia does, consequently no other country in the world is relatively so interested in a sound fiscal policy as Australia. This is a fact to be borne in mind if at any time our energies are flagging. We must take a very firm grip of the conditions under which our producers carry on their industries. The main consuming markets for our commodities are the crowded ones of Europe, but Australia lies further from those markets than other countries producing the same goods and competing in those markets, and Australia therefore must carry the handicap of distance, which means extra freight. The European buyer of wheat who pays the Argentine or the United States 3s a bushel with a freight of 6d can only afford to pay 2s 9d in Australia if the freight be 9d. In addition to this freight handicap Australian expenses generally are heavy. It will be seen that a position is thus indicated which calls for legislative care to keep down and not to pile up burdens. Everyone knows that for several years, up to quite recently, the prices obtainable for produce in Europe have been ruinously low, and that consequently Australian producers as a class have suffered keenly; and surely it would be a waste of time to argue before an audience like this that these men have a right to the result of their labour, less only fair taxation, and that to intercept any portion of their earnings to "protect" some other industries is an unpardonable thing to do. Our pastoralists, agriculturists, dairymen, and miners have to find consumers or users for their productions abroad, and the least we can do is to take care that there is no infringement of their right to obtain their supplies wherever they can do so to most advantage. Unless they can keep down their expenses, they cannot be expected to be successful in their industries. These are the days of machinery; our producers for export require machinery, and we demand that they be allowed to obtain the very best, most suitable, and cheapest they can lay their hands on. We must protect our producers. The less the money outlay in Australia for supplies, the more easily our producer will be able to meet the keen competition that exists in Europe, where he must sell most of his products. The protection our producers want may be summed up in the words "hands off." A word as to vested interests. Victoria to-day has a vested interest in the stock tax and another in the hat tax. Stock are imported into Victoria from adjoining colonies; hats are imported from Europe. Mere federation, therefore, by forbidding inter-State taxation destroys at a blow the vested interest of the Victorian pastoral industry. The vested interest in the Victorian hat industry, however, can only be broken by action in regard to the tariff. If the pastoral industry has no claim on the community why should the hat industry have one? It is proper to remember that the action of the Commonwealth tariff must be uniform, and we may well ask if it is not better to break up a vested interest in Victoria and have the whole Commonwealth free than to create similar vested interests in New South Wales and have the whole Commonwealth tainted with this undoubted evil? It must be pointed out that a very radical change has been wrought in the financial aspects of federation during the last two years. When the discussion on the finances began each of the five colonies was under a severe financial strain. The depression had lasted for several years; the prices of Australian products in the world's markets were almost unprecedentedly low, property remained almost unsaleable, so that the outlook for the immediate future was not encouraging. It was under these circumstances that the discussion of federal finance was inaugurated. The elasticity, the buoyancy, so desirable when great financial changes are to be made were conspicuously absent, and naturally this state of things coloured and influenced most of what was said and written on the subject. The last two years have, however, altered the whole position. The main products of Australia have increased in value to a very important extent; the spirit of enterprise and faith in our commercial future have reasserted themselves, so that confidence is taking the place of distrust, above all the public revenue of each of the five colonies has expanded in a very marked manner, and the causes which have brought about the present expansion may fairly be expected to continue in operation, so that it seems likely that the expansion which has already taken place is only the beginning of another forward movement throughout Australia. It is under these happier and much more hopeful circumstances that I now refer to the subject, and ask your most earnest attention to the remarks I have to put before you. I wish to tell you, and through you all Australia, that the most important factor of the finances is the small customs taxation required by and actually existing at present in New South Wales, and, further, that so far as is compatible with the general welfare of the other four States every effort ought to be made to fix the uniform tariff taxation at a point which will add as little as possible to the customs taxation at present in force in New South Wales. I will tell you at once what I think we should aim at. It is to fix the uniform tariff so as to collect, roundly, two millions in Victoria. The tariff which collected this amount in Victoria would collect, on my estimates, about £2,400,000 in New South Wales, and throughout the Commonwealth about £6,300,000. Whilst in the other four States this tariff would give a substantial reduction in customs taxation, it would mean an increase of £800,000 in New South Wales, a sum which cannot be looked at except as enormous. Victoria is, however, now collecting 2¼ millions, and to still collect the other quarter-million would mean a further £400,000 in New South Wales, and a total collection of seven millions. It is to be borne in mind that the collection of very large extra taxation in New South Wales involves New South Wales in a serious surplus difficulty. To keep down to the lowest possible point the extra taxation and also the surplus trouble is a laudable aim, and I suggest to you that the present low taxation in New South Wales ought to be used as a lever for lightening the burdens of taxation in the other four States. Those who agree in this view can rejoice in the growing elasticity of Australian revenues, which facilitates the readjustment which the four States would have to make. I do not think that Victoria would find any grave difficulty in readjusting her finances if she obtained a quarter million less from customs than she obtains to-day. I may point out that Victoria, which has managed her loans with greater prudence than New South Wales, will by 1907 be able to save £190,000 yearly, the bulk of this within four years, by renewing at 3 per cent. loans which are now maturing. Further than this, the Commonwealth will have to pay Victoria several millions for State property taken over, and as some considerable sums are included which were originally taken out of revenue, some at least of such moneys might again be treated as revenue in facilitating the readjustment to which I refer. I have not included the new expenditure, since I have always held the view that it might be balanced by the savings which federal—that is, co-operative—government would allow of being made. If the view were taken that Victoria must have 2¼ millions, as at present, plus £150,000 new expenditure all out of customs, then £2,400,000 collections in Victoria would mean £2,900,000 collections in New South Wales; more still, if the estimates of some persons prove correct. Under such circumstances the addition to the existing customs taxation in New South Wales would be immense, and the readjustment of her local finances would be a work of a serious character. It is clear that no colony, and no party in any colony, has any object to gain by collecting large revenues specially from customs. Freetraders object to protection, but their object also to customs taxation for revenue in excess of what is absolutely required, and protectionists are more anxious for protection than for revenue from customs duties. Both parties, and all colonies, it seems to me, could unite in an effort to make two millions in Victoria the basis for the Commonwealth, and the two fiscal parties would then fight out the question of whether or no the policy of "protection" should be grafted on the tariff. It goes without saying that the New South Wales freetraders regret the necessity for imposing additional revenue duties even to the extent of £800,000, and they will not rest content with this burden on the trade and commerce of New South Wales, but they will determinedly seek, as Australian development proceeds, to get the revenue duties of the Commonwealth brought more in line with those of Great Britain. In May of 1898, when the controversy on the finance of federation was very strong, I asked Sir George Turner if Victoria would be willing to meet New South Wales in the direction I have been indicating. Sir George replied by wire saying, "I regret that this is a matter in which I cannot express my opinion." I mention this that it may be seen that I have been thinking the subject out for some time. I trust the conference will unanimously endorse my proposal. Whilst the customs taxation in New South Wales is remarkably light we get the other extreme in Queensland, where it is remarkably heavy. It may be taken as absolutely certain that the customs taxation in Queensland will be materially reduced, probably by at least a quarter of a million, whatever tariff be agreed on, whilst if the taxation be fixed on the basis I have suggested the reduction in Queensland may not be less than £400,000. In any event, the relief to Queensland payers of customs taxation will be of a very substantial character. Of course, Queensland will have some very important financial readjustments to make, but that colony is proving herself so strong and is so rapidly expanding that there is no doubt as to her ability to carry them out. South Australia will be, relatively, the least affected, as her taxation approaches more nearly the Victorian, which must be the governing basis, than that of any other colony. The changes in Tasmania will be of some importance to that State, but no serious difficulty can arise. (Cheers.)

Mr. Pulsford concluded his address by placing a number of resolutions before the conference.

On the motion of Mr. F. Grimley, seconded by the Hon. D. M. Charleston, M.L.C. (S.A), a vote of thanks to Mr. Pulsford was carried by acclamation.

It was resolved on the motion of Mr. F. E. M'Lean that the hours of meeting for the conference for that day (Wednesday) should be from 2 o'clock to 5.30, and from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m., and for the following day from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m., and from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

A motion was tabled by Mr. J. T. Walker, and seconded by Mr. Haynes, providing that in the absence of the president, the Hon. D. M. Charleston should fill the position, and also act as chairman of committees. Mr. Charleston, however, declined the honour on the ground that he was only one of four representatives from South Australia, and consequently desired to take part in the discussions that would arise.

On the suggestion of Mr. Max Hirsch it was agreed that each committee (if any were appointed) should elect its own chairman.

Mr. A. W. H. White moved and Mr. J. Haynes seconded,—"That this conference instruct a committee to prepare and as soon as possible to submit to the conference drafts of (A) the constitution of the federal freetrade party, (B) the election programme of the party. Such committee to consist of representatives as follows:—New South Wales, 4; Victoria, 4; Queensland, 2; South Australia, 1."

Mr. Bruce Smith suggested that it would be a saving of time and a general advantage if the proposals made were considered by the conference sitting as a committee of the whole instead of them being twice discussed—once in a committee of the part and again by the full conference. But it appeared from one or two words uttered by Mr. Max Hirsch that some gentlemen had come from other colonies under instructions from some association or institution.

Mr. Hirsch: That is a misrepresentation.

Mr. Bruce Smith said if that were the case he would withdraw the remark, but he had understood Mr. Hirsch to say they had come to the conference with instructions from their association.

A Voice: Only in the same spirit as Mr. Pulsford's resolutions are submitted in.

Mr. Bruce Smith said the resolutions referred to were not known to anyone but Mr. Pulsford, and he hoped all the delegates were there as free men to be influenced by the discussion and with free hands. The discussion of all the resolutions submitted should be public, and the adoption of that system would mean the saving of valuable time.

Mr. Outhwaite (Victoria) said Mr. Bruce Smith's stonewalling had been productive of a waste of time, inasmuch that the delay it had occasioned would have given sufficient time for the committee to report. The Victorian delegates had not come to the conference in any spirit of hostility to New South Wales, and on the contrary they desired to work amicably with their fellow-delegates, but they saw in Mr. Pulsford's resolutions certain matters to which they were absolutely opposed.

Mr. J. Macgregor supported the proposal that a committee should be appointed, on the ground that it would expedite the business of the conference.

On a vote being taken the resolution moved by Mr. White was carried by 19 votes to 9.

The following members of committee were then appointed:—New South Wales: Messrs. Varney Parkes, M.L.A., J. Haynes, M.L.A., the Hon. E. Pulsford, M.L.C., and Mr. T. J. Hebblewhite. Victoria: Messrs. E. H. Chomley, L. Outhwaite, Max Hirsch, and A. W. H. White. Queensland: Messrs. A. J. Carter and A. M. Kirkland. South Australia: Mr. T. H. Webb.

The committee appointed in the manner stated elected Mr. A. J. Carter, of Queensland, as its chairman, and proceeded in camera to consider the resolutions tabled by Mr. Pulsford and any alternative motions that might be submitted.

After the dinner adjournment the chairman of the committee reported certain resolutions as the result of the committee's deliberations. In doing so he stated that the fifth resolution had been protested against by Mr. Pulsford, and he moved that the report be received, and the protest noted on the minutes.

The resolutions were as follows:—1. "That recognising that the establishment of the Commonwealth marks a great epoch in the history of Australia, and feeling assured that her full development and power cannot be attained except under principles of freedom, the members of this conference pledge themselves to do their utmost to secure the adoption of a tariff based on freetrade principles." 2. "That the vast business which the producers of Australia are to-day transacting with Europe and other distant parts of the world against competition of extreme severity imperatively demands that our producers be protected against a policy which, though called 'protective,' handicaps them in the prosecution of their business." 3. "That the term 'protection' as applied to a certain fiscal policy is incorrect and misleading, since instead of 'protecting' the mass of the people it denies them the right to make the most they can of their earnings, and, in fact, reduces the purchasing power of all wages for the benefit of private persons." 4. "That customs and excise duties imposed by the Commonwealth should be imposed only with the view to provide for the wants of the Treasury, and in no way to give support to any special industry at the expense of the general community." 5. "That the committee recommend to the consideration of the conference the following, viz.: That the customs and excise duties to be imposed by the Commonwealth be confined to intoxicants and narcotics." 6. "The freetrade party will advocate that any deficiency in federal accounts due to compliance with clause 8 of the Commonwealth Bill (Braddon clause) be made good by pro rata contributions from each State, so as to avoid the imposition of direct taxation by the Federal Government, and consequent double expense of collection."

The motion was agreed to on the voices.

Mr. J. E. Edmunson (Victoria) moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. Pulsford pointed out that the proposal that the customs and excise duties to be imposed by the Commonwealth should be confined to intoxicants and narcotics would sweep away the greater bulk of Queensland's customs and excise duties, also half those of Tasmania; and South Australia would be in a very unfortunate position, although there the collection of duties from these articles was on a lower average than in any other colony in Australia. In Victoria it would mean the sweeping away of a solid million of money. The position was, therefore, an impossible one, and one never attempted in the whole history of the world, and never likely to be; and such a proposal would do the cause of freetrade a great deal of harm and bring rejoicing into the camp of the protectionists, when there was now great perturbation lest the freetraders should succeed in sweeping away the policy of protection at the coming federal elections. The freetrade party could not go to the country with any such policy as that arranged, and in his view their success during the coming campaign depended largely upon the moderation of their proposals and actions. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Max Hirsch said it was a question whether the perhaps over-cautious policy advocated by Mr. Pulsford would not under federal conditions have an objectionable result. If freetrade ever hoped to move the mass of the people it must mean such a rearrangement of the burden of taxation that the present injustice should be done away with, and so that the greater part of the taxation should not rest upon the shoulders of the persons least able to bear it. But Mr. Pulsford's resolutions would not make any change in this direction. So far as Victoria was concerned, he could easily raise the million spoken of by direct taxation, and the people would follow that policy.

Mr. W. H. Calder: No, no.

Mr. Hirsch said he had much respect for Mr. Calder's opinion, and was aware that the class to which that gentleman belonged—the merchant class—would not adopt such a policy. But there were other classes—the working men and farmers—who would adopt it, and reject the policy which Mr. Pulsford had outlined. If they wanted to carry freetrade to victory it would have to be placed upon a democratic basis, and he hoped the conference would see its way to adopt the resolutions proposed.

Mr. Bruce Smith said he had listened to Mr. Hirsch with some curiosity, as he was anxious to learn how he would support these resolutions without reference to the subject of land taxation. But those who could read between the lines could see that the proposal was nothing more than an attempt to induce the conference to accept resolutions which would pave the way for a system of land taxation. He had had enough political experience to enable him to learn that though one might be convinced of the truth of a theory, it was another question whether they could induce a varied population to adopt that theory. Mr. Hirsch wanted absolute freetrade, which meant absolute freedom, but everyone knew that as was the case in England and in this colony, there was in existence a very elaborate system of protection. He was as anxious to see the millenium of freetrade as anyone, but looking at political life in the light of history he could not support the proposals contained in the fifth and sixth clauses for the abolition of these duties and the consequent ruin of those persons who had embarked millions of money upon the strength of the continuance of the protective system in various parts of the colony. He did not see how the sixth resolution could be carried out under the constitution. It appeared to him to be nonsense. And the real meaning of the resolutions, except those which were really freetrade truisms, was—should they go to the country advocating the abolition of all duties except on intoxicants or narcotics, or advocating freetrade so far as it can be adapted to the exigencies of present circumstances and states.

Mr. J. E. Mackey (Victoria) said the proposal meant that £1,250,000 would have to be raised in his colony, and it could only be raised by means of a land tax of 3d or 4d in the £. The working men of Victoria were protectionists and the farmers freetraders, but could it be supposed that freetrade candidates could go to the country at the coming election and hope to be successful, if they advocated a land tax of 3d in the £?

Mr. E. H. Chomley pointed out that experience had shown that as in America there was a great danger of monopoly in these colonies if protective duties were established. He believed in direct taxation, and the sixth resolution had been added to the report to avoid the necessity of having two schemes of taxation.

The debate was adjourned on the motion of Mr. Varney Parkes, and the Conference rose.

TYPHOID FEVER IN RANDWICK.

At Tuesday night's meeting of the Randwick Council a report was received from Dr. Armstrong, the medical officer to the Board of Health, with regard to four cases of typhoid fever notified recently in the borough. On January 29 he investigated these cases. Two of them were at Long Bay, where there is a small isolated settlement of 12 families who earn a livelihood chiefly by fishing and hiring boats to visitors. The water supply was obtained from a stream fed by the soakage of the Botany sandhills. He could not obtain any evidence with regard to these cases, as such may have been contracted outside. One case proved fatal. In the other two cases investigated the patients resided in low-lying ground in Middle Ward, about a quarter-mile apart, and there did not appear to be any connection between them. Both houses are unsewered, though most of the houses in the neighbourhood are connected. Outside of this no special sanitary defect could be found. City water is used. The report was received.

The inspector of nuisances reported that during the fortnight one case of scarlet fever at Millhill had been notified. There had been no fresh cases of typhoid.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS.

DEDICATION OF A LODGEROOM.

A large gathering of Oddfellows connected with the Independent Order assembled in the new lodgeroom, built by the William Gane Lodge, Wilson-street, Newtown, last evening for the purpose of taking part in the dedication ceremony. The party, which numbered over 200, also included a number of visitors. The building, which adjoins the present Oddfellows' Hall, is a lofty and roomy structure, containing two lodgerooms, each 45ft. x 18ft. There are also several anterooms. The lodgeroom on the ground floor, where the dedication ceremony took place, is beautifully finished and elaborately furnished throughout. The lodge furniture was specially made from Tasmanian blackwood, and is of a handsome design. The ceremony was performed by the following Grand Lodge officers:—Grand Master Bro. M. Brennan, Deputy Grand Master Bro. Fitzpatrick, Grand Secretary Bro. G. T. Clarke, Grand Treasurer Bro. T. J. Jay, Grand Warden Bro. Dyer, jun., Grand Past Master Bro. F. H. Barnett, Grand Chaplain Bro. M'Donald, Grand Trustees Bros. A. Spence, Brightfield, and M'Keown, Grand Conductor Herbert Caines, Grand Marshall Bro. J. K. Ellis, and Grand Herald Bro. Bartholomew. At the conclusion of the ceremony the grand secretary, Bro. Clarke, gave the final oration, which was of a statistical character, showing the progress of the William Gane Lodge, the progress of the order in this colony, also its progress in Australasia, and likewise throughout the world. The membership of the William Gane Lodge now numbered 264. The annual income was £1049 14s 5d, relief paid away last year was £306 2s 11d, and the medical benefits £377 5s 9d. The accumulated funds were £2827 19s 8d. Bro. Cohen then, on behalf of the members of the local lodge, presented the Grand Master with a gold jewel in the form of a key as a memento of the dedication service. Bro. Brennan having responded, the closing service was proceeded with. At the close of the ceremony the company adjourned to the lower hall, where an excellent spread was in waiting. The chair was occupied by Past Grand Bro. H. Cohen, and the vice-chair by Bro. W. E. Day. A lengthy toast list was gone through, the speeches being interspersed with musical selections.

COUNTRY NEWS.

ARALUEN, Wednesday.

Rain fell all night; 117 points.

BALLINA, Wednesday.

Mr. J. Wyness, for 20 years manager of Broadwater Sugar Mill, is retiring from the service of the C.S.R. Company. His place will be filled by Mr. A. C. Barry, manager of Harwood Mill, Clarence River. Mr. R. A. Holden, assistant manager of Broadwater, will succeed Mr. Barry at Harwood.

The Hon. J. Perry visited the town yesterday, and was shown over the harbour works. Mr. Perry was also waited upon in connection with local wants.

BEGA, Wednesday.

In the District Court to-day, before Judge Fitzhardinge, W. Allan, of Cobargo, proceeded against A. L. Manning, of Bega, on account of alleged trespass, and a verdict for £5 was given. Mr. Bland appeared for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Hungerford and Blomfield for the defendant. A libel action, claiming £200, by Constable Roberts, Cobargo, against W. Boot, editor of the "Cobargo Chronicle," stands part heard.

BLAYNEY, Wednesday.

A man named Murray Garth was prosecuted by the police to-day at the local court on a charge of selling spirituous liquors without a license. He was fined £30, in default three months' gaol. This offence was committed at the deviation works, near Newbridge.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell, officer commanding the 5th Regiment (Scottish Rifles), has written to the secretary of the Caledonian Society with reference to the request for permission to establish a company of the Rifles in Broken Hill. He stated the application had been anticipated by Lismore, and suggested they should forward a petition to the Minister for Defence, asking him to form a company of the Scotch Rifles at Broken Hill, and attach to the petition the signatures and occupations of 100 persons willing to join.

CARCOAR, Wednesday.

Mr. T. Waddell, M.L.A., yesterday interviewed the Mayor, aldermen, and others. To-day he visited the proposed site of the weir on Gum Creek, and intends going to Mandurama, Lyndhurst, and other parts of the district.

Link's Siding Iron Mine was opened yesterday.

CASINO, Wednesday.

At a meeting of the hospital committee Dr. A. H. Rutherford was appointed medical officer, the position having been rendered vacant by the resignation of Dr. Crommelin. At the same meeting Mr. W. A. Osborne was appointed chairman and hon. treasurer for the ensuing 12 months.

COONAMBLE, Wednesday.

Drs. Bertram and Burkitt have been appointed medical officers of the hospital, Mr. J. R. M'William treasurer, and Mr. J. M. Ross secretary.

CRAIGIE, Wednesday.

A ball was held in Mr. Bruce's hall on Friday for the benefit of Mrs. May, whose husband died recently. £14 was realised, and, with subscriptions, nearly £50 has been raised.

DELEGATE, Wednesday.

The returns for the Delegate district show—area of alienated holdings, 123,047 acres; area under crop, 697 acres; Crown lands under lease, 133,811 acres; horses, 790; milking cows, 1076; cattle, 2935; sheep, 159,854; pigs, 324.

EAST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

"Blow for Blow" was played by amateurs on Monday. Mr. M. Ross sang the "Absent-minded Beggar," and 16s 7d was thrown on the stage.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

The following stock directors have been elected:—Sheep directors: Messrs. A. S. Jamieson, R. C. Cooper, F. D. Badgery, James Jobson, E. C. M'Alister. Pastoral directors: Messrs. John Cunningham, W. H. Whiting, W. Kennedy, William Lunn.

GRAFTON, Wednesday.

William Gregor, a farmer, of Clarenza, about 40 years of age was thrown from his horse this afternoon while returning from South Grafton, and fell on his head, breaking his neck. Deceased was unmarried, and was a native of the district.

GUNDAGAI, Wednesday.

At the sitting of the land board on Friday two leases, aggregating 480 acres, were recommended for approval for dairy accommodation. A paddock on water reserve No. 316, which abuts on Reno, is required for mining and timber for miners' homes. The Prince of Wales Company has constructed a dam on this reserve at a cost of nearly £1000. The Mines Department is to be asked to see that the interest of miners is safeguarded. Mining is carried on on the lease and all round it.

At a meeting of stock-owners, the following resolution was carried: "That an association be formed to co-operate with Cootamundra stock-owners to offer a substantial reward for information leading to the conviction of sheep and cattle stealers."

KEMPSEY, Wednesday.

The bazaar in aid of the Church of England Fund was opened this evening in the Theatre Royal.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday.

Thomas Downey, a Smithfield butcher, was charged at the Police Court yesterday, at the instance of the Board of Health, with carrying on the business of pig-keeping without a license. Mr. P. E. Getting, one of the board's inspectors, conducted the prosecution. Defendant pleaded not guilty, and produced copies of letters sent by the Smithfield and Fairfield Council to the Board of Health, in which it was shown that his premises had passed the inspection of the local authority, that application had been made for the license and the fees paid. Mr. Getting said that he informed defendant that certain improvements to his premises were necessary, and these had not been effected. Defendant said he was unable to obtain any information on the subject either from the board or the local authority. Defendant was fined 5s, with 4s 10d costs of court. This is the first prosecution of the kind that has taken place in this district.

Alderman Christiansen, the Mayor, entertained the council, their employees, and several residents at dinner. A statement presented by the retiring Mayor showed that £1163 had been expended on works in the municipality, exclusive of ordinary working expenditure during the year.

MOLONG, Wednesday.

The committees of the council are:—Works committee, Aldermen Black, Parker, Hamey, and Bennett; lighting committee, Aldermen Taylor, Carroll, Tilbrook; finance committee, the whole of the aldermen.

NARRABRI, Wednesday.

The wheat returns for the district of Narrabri are as follows:—Narrabri portion, 1497 acres, 24,978 bushels; Wee Waa portion, 76½ acres, 390 bushels; Karrammingby portion, 430 acres, 7314 bushels. Boggabri, area under wheat for grain 2896 acres, yield 48,846 bushels; for hay, 400 acres, yield 728 tons. Total area under cultivation, 3585 acres.

NYNGAN, Wednesday.

Mr. T. J. Campbell, general secretary of the Farmers and Settlers' Association, delivered an interesting address at a meeting of the Nyngan branch held to-day.

ROBERTSON, Wednesday.

Mr. Thomas Jones, who will leave for the Camboyne in a short time after a residence of 20 years in this district, was presented with a purse of sovereigns in the School of Arts last night by the residents, as a slight recognition of his services as a public man. Mr. W. R. Hindmarsh presided.

TUMUT, Wednesday.

The movement for the formation of a reserve rifle corps has been enthusiastically taken up. A public meeting was held this afternoon, and it was resolved to form a corps. Over 73 names were handed in.

The Government has given a special grant of £200 to the Tumut Cottage Hospital.

WARREN, Wednesday.

Mr. W. T. J. Campbell (secretary of the Farmers and Settlers' Association) was entertained yesterday at a luncheon at Nevertire by the local branch. All classes of land holders were represented, and a complimentary address was given to the guest. Mr. Campbell gave thoroughly practical addresses on the objects aimed at by the association.

At the hospital meeting held last night the result of the ballot for officers was announced as follows:—Mr. Charles Hunter (Haddon Rig), president; Messrs. F. C. Thompson, C. Thacker, vice-presidents; a committee of 10 was also elected.

At a meeting of the Pastoral and Agricultural Associations to-day it was carried that an address and presentation be made to Mr. J. A. Buckland, who is leaving Wonbobbie after 18 years' residence.

WENTWORTH, Wednesday.

The formal opening of the new reading-rooms and library in connection with the Mechanics' Institute took place last evening. Speeches were made by the president (Mr. J. E. Ballard) and other gentlemen. Both hall and reading-room are entirely free of debt.

WINDSOR, Wednesday.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society was held at the institution, Macquarie-street, Windsor, on Monday afternoon. The report showed that many patients had been treated throughout the past year, and the management had kept well within the revenue. The following gentlemen were elected to the various offices:—President, the Hon. W. Walker, M.L.C., who has held the position for the past nine years; vice-president, Mr. Philip Charley; hon. secretary, Mr. John J. Payne; hon. treasurer, Mr. Smith T. Greenwell; auditors, Messrs. C. Chester and J. G. Beazley; committee, Dr. Callaghan, Dr. Gibson, the Rev. C. A. White, and Messrs. B. Conlon, J. T. Gosper, John Johnston, S. Cox, and W. Mitchell. The thanks of the committee were given to Drs. Callaghan and Gibson, honorary medical officers, for their services during the past year, and they were also re-elected the honorary medical officers for the ensuing year.

YAMBA, Wednesday.

Mr. Darley, Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works, accompanied by the Mayor of Grafton, and members of the Grafton Chamber of Commerce, and other visitors, inspected Woodford Island quarry yesterday, and then visited the harbour works at Yamba. Mr. Darley gave an explanation with reference to the removal of the quarry works from Angorwari.

HOVERING BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH.

THE NURSE'S REMEDY.

MR. ROWE'S GREAT RECOVERY.

HOW HOSPITAL NURSES RECOMMEND CLEMENT'S TONIC.

(Reported for the "Redfern Times.")

"It was a narrow squeak for me, and no mistake," said Mr. William Rowe, of 76 Garden-street, Alexandria, Sydney, to the reporter.

"So I should imagine," said the newspaper man, who was taking notes of Mr. Rowe's remarks.

"Yes, I didn't know what was going to happen when the doctors at the Hospital decided to operate upon me for the purpose of removing an abscess in my side. However, I knew it was no use making a fuss about it—it was do or die; so I let them do it."

"And they did?"

"Oh, yes. They removed the abscess all right, but I was for a long time hovering between life and death. In fact, I was in such a dangerous condition that when a friend of mine, who had heard of the danger I was in, called to have a look at me, the doctors refused to allow him to approach my bed. The slightest shock at that time might have put an end to my existence. Well, to cut a long story short, my side gradually healed up, and it at last became possible for me to be taken home, but in such an exceedingly weak state that it's a wonder I ever got my strength back. I was a mere skeleton. My skin was drawn tight over my bones. It was only with great difficulty that I could move about at all."

"You couldn't work, then?"

Mr. Rowe laughed. "Why," said he, "if you could have seen me then you would have wondered how I could muster enough strength to stand upright. I was a mere ghost of what I used to be before I went to the Hospital. I couldn't eat properly, and my food did no good. I was in a state of complete, sheer weakness."

"Well, how did you get your strength back?"

"Just before I left the hospital I asked some of the nurses, who were very attentive to me, what I should do to put strength into my enfeebled frame and a bit of flesh on my bones."

"What did they tell you to do?"

"They said to me confidentially, 'You take Clements Tonic, and you'll pick up your strength soon enough.'"

"Which you did?"

"Yes; after I left the Hospital I thought of their advice, and I determined to put it into practice. I bought a few bottles of Clements Tonic, and it didn't take me long to find that the nurses had recommended me the proper and a good remedy. From the time of starting with Clements Tonic I began to put on flesh and daily to gain a little strength."

"Did you take any other medicines?"

"No; when I started with Clements Tonic I put aside all other medicines and stuck to that entirely. I was delighted to find that by the use of this remedy I continued to very steadily improve. I could soon eat splendidly. I got a fair appetite. I slept soundly. Previous to taking Clements Tonic my sleep was very unrefreshing—but now I always got a perfect night's rest. I felt cheerful and as though there was more vitality in me. I continued to improve in this way till I had completely recovered my lost flesh and was as strong as before my illness."

"And this is the result of Clements Tonic solely?"

"Yes; I can say positively, without the least exaggeration, that it did all this for me. It built me up from a physical wreck to a man full of strength and vigour."

"I suppose a great many people know of this?"

"Yes, its pretty well known."

"And you've no objection to our paper making it still further known?"

"Not the least in the world."

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, William Rowe, of 76 Garden-street, Alexandria, in the colony of New South Wales, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of three folios and consecutively numbered from one to three, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic; and also contains my full permission to publish the same in any way, and I make this solemn declaration voluntarily and without receiving any payment, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the sixth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in the various departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

W Rowe

Declared at Alexandria, this 1st day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, before me,

JAMES PARR, J.P.

BEWARE OF COUNTERFEITS.

Some imitate our name. Some copy our label. And some plagiarise our advertisements. In fact, we are followed in everything but in the curative properties and therapeutic value of Clements Tonic. The imposition is barefaced and palpable enough for a dunce to see through, and needs but little comment from us. Every genuine article has to face such practices. A host of base imitations always follows in the wake of every genuine article.—Advt.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—February 14.

Zealandia, s., 2771 tons, Captain Alfred H. Thorpe, from New Zealand ports. Passengers—Mesdames Poole, Emery, Rolls, Samuel, Dante and child, Camp and 3 children, Johnstone, Austin, Murrell and child, Gard, Macnamara, Welchman, Misses Emery (2), Rolls, Samuel, Champernowne, Barnett, Austin, Lindegard, Fisher, Matson, Messrs. Ower, Anderson, O'Neill (2), Gates (2), Poole (2), Emery, King, Antony, Prof. Pitt-Cobbett, Lemouri, Captain Kennedy, Joll, Pemberton, Pollard, Franklin, M'Donald (4), Von Dandelsen, Johnston, Wood, Rawlins, Eliason, Geach, Clark, Barker, Ashmore, Jackson, Carter, Rankin, Camp, Johnstone, Baxter, Hon. S. Austin, Austin (2), Hearne, Sharp, Wilkinson, Monckton, Gard, Hon. J. C. Hutchinson, and 24 in the steerage. Huddart, Parker and Co., Limited, agents.

Adelaide, s., 1711 tons, Captain W. G. Vincent, from Brisbane. Passengers—Miss M. Vickers, Mrs. Steel and maid, Mr. G. Barry, C. Guiland, Miss Ida Rankin, Miss Carrie Rankin, Mr. L. L. Barnett, Miss Hurley, Mrs. Willington, Miss Willington, Miss Dart, Mrs. J. Allan, Miss Stark, Master E. M. Allan, Miss B. Skinner, Miss B. Wassells, Miss L. Snelling, Mrs. Simpson, Miss Simpson, Dr. and Mrs. Hardie, Mr. T. Stewart, Mr. H. Cullmarie, and 21 in the second class. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Electra, s., 395 tons, Captain W. B. Nelson, from Richmond River February 13. Passengers—Mesdames Forsyth, Gibson, Fenwick, and Stone, Misses Latter, Bolton, Poolman, Breching, Lyons, Chalmers, Fenwick, and Stone, Masters Fenwick (2), Messrs. R. H. Jenkins, T. Jenkins, F. Thom, J. Orr, G. R. Jarman, S. Garrard, H. W. Watson, J. Watson, C. Ritchie, R. Pyers, jun., E. Cooke, J. Clarke, and J. R. M'Donald; also 6 in steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Kadina, s., 2709 tons, Captain H. T. Rose, from Fremantle. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Newcastle, s., 1251 tons, Captain Thompson from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, agents.

Sydney, s., 634 tons, Captain Walker, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, agents.

Shakespeare, barque, 767 tons, Captain Tod, from Mauritius. Passengers—Mrs. Tod and 2 children. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., agents.

Gabo, s., 2070 tons, Captain L. A. Leslie, from Newcastle. William Howard Smith and Sons, Limited, agents.

Wakatipu, s., 1945 tons, Captain H. G. Morrisby, from Newcastle. D. Mills, agent.

Pacifique, s., 2000 tons, Messageries Maritimes Company, Captain Court, from Noumea. Brasier de Thuy, agent.

Sussex, barque, 1212 tons, Captain Guthrie, from Fredrikstadt October 23. Huddship and Co., Limited, agents.

Kincumber, s., 100 tons, Captain J. Cringle, from Camden Haven 13th instant. George De Fraine, agent.

Murray, s., 144 tons, Captain A. Elliott, from Moruya. Alexander Kethel, agent.

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Eastern, s., E. and A. Company's line, 3566 tons, Captain Ellis, from Japan and ports. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—February 14.

R.M.S. Oroya, for London, via ports.
R.M.S. Mariposa, for San Francisco, via ports.
Westralia, s., for Auckland.
Gabo, s., for Melbourne.
Mount Stewart, ship, for Valparaiso, via Newcastle.
Kadina, s., for Fremantle, via Newcastle.
Tambo, s., for Newcastle.
Loch Broom, ship, for London.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—February 15.

Wakatipu, s., for Launceston, via Eden; Electra, s., for Richmond River; Augusta, s., for Tweed River; Murray, s., for Moruya, Bermagui, and Tathra; Illawarra S. N. Company's steamers for Merimbula, Eden, Bermagui, Tathra, and Pambula; Namoi, s., for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—February 14.

Westralia, s., 2931 tons, Captain W. Hipgrave, for Auckland. Passengers—Mesdames G. H. Baker, R. Dath, H. H. Capper, Morrison and 2 children, Ladd, H. G. Webb, Kemp, Kershaw, Misses Phillips, Baker, Dunn, Robertson, Kershaw, Messrs. Phillips, B. Hong, E. Kershaw, J. Lothian, Barringan, A. Hawken, E. H. Wood, H. Skinner, T. Skinner, W. Skinner, J. Frossard, F. Levi, W. Williams, Cutter, E. Parry, A. Harrison, C. H. P. Robinson, H. P. Woonald, E. Dacre, G. H. Baker, R. Dath, H. H. Capper, S. Howden, J. W. Slattery, T. B. Brown, R. Stacy, W. Webb, Major Fisher, Rev. E. Ensor, and 25 in the steerage.

Gabo, s., 2070 tons, Captain L. A. Leslie, for Melbourne. Passengers—Misses Lundigoard, Wilson, Byrne, Mesdames Woods, T. Carey and 4 children, Bennett, J. Bartholomew, S. Davidson and 4 children, Messrs. E. J. Howard, J. Sofa, J. Anderson, T. Carey, S. S. Marsden, J. W. Warr, C. C. M'Kenzie, J. P. Harper, G. F. Ivers, J. Mackay, J. Bartholomew, S. Davidson, J. Meredith, T. Wilson, also 25 in the second cabin.

Oroya, Royal mail steamer, 6297 tons, Captain R. Fletcher, for London, via ports, with passengers as published yesterday.

Mariposa, Royal mail steamer, 3159 tons, Captain H. C. Hondlett, for San Francisco, via ports, with passengers as published yesterday.

Folmina, s., 3050 tons, Captain W. Van Eyken, for London, via Gladstone, Albany, Cape ports, and St. Nazaire.

Mount Stewart, ship, 1949 tons, Captain C. Green, for Valparaiso, via Newcastle, with part original cargo.

Kadina, s., 2709 tons, Captain H. T. Rose, for Fremantle, via Newcastle, with part original cargo.

Tambo, s., 732 tons, Captain W. J. Wyllie, for Newcastle, in ballast.

COASTERS OUTWARD.—February 14.

Alcda, schooner, Captain J. G. Rosten, for Cape Hawke; Vailele, schooner, Captain A. Olsen, for Newcastle.

IMPORTS.—February 14.

(A special charge is made for consignees' notices in this column.)

Electra, s., from Richmond River: 50 bags maize, 15 bags bones, 8 bags potatoes, 25 bunches bananas, 11 bales skins, 39 cases eggs, 23 cases honey, 5 cases fish, 2 casks tallow, 6 coops poultry, 2 horses, 78 hides, 1 grab dredge, 573 boxes butter, 9000ft. boxwood, 10 pigs, and 1 buggy.

Zealandia, s., from Wellington: 2077 sacks oats, 882 sacks wheat, 17 sacks seed, 15 sacks oatmeal, 46 sacks peas, 138 sacks fungus, 75 packages plough parts, 90 sacks oatdust, 50lb. flax, 136lb. tow, 115 bales wool, 230 sacks malt, 250 sacks pollard, 32 cases cheese, 13,0.0ft. timber, and sundries.

Adelaide, s., from Brisbane: 8 bales wool, 15 bundles sheepskins, 1841 boxes butter, 50 quarters beef, 47 cases pine, 10 cases ice, 40 cases arrowroot, 10 packages bacon, 25 bags hides, and sundries.

Kadina, s., from Fremantle: 9502 bags ore. For Newcastle: 3518 bags ore.

Shakespeare, barque, from Mauritius: 1306 tons sugar.

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Yawata Maru, s., from Japan and China: 24 cases curios, 18 cases silk goods, 8 cases bambooware, 8 cases porcelain, 320 bags peanuts, 38 cases curios, 3400 bags rice, 250 bales bamboo blinds, 20 cases camphor, 6 cases porcelain and lacquerware, 150 packages rattanware, 40 cases condiments, 1700 mats rice, 56 packages tea, 210 packages Chinese merchandise, 66 packages fire crackers, 34 packages seed, 23 cases cigars, also a large transhipment cargo for New Zealand.

EXPORTS.—February 14.

Oroya, R.M.S., for London, via ports: 273 bales wool, 59 bales leather and basils, 200 bags flour, 504 bags wheat, 4110 boxes butter, 4408 carcases mutton, 60 carcases lamb, 100 pairs legs mutton, 5132 cases meats, 60 casks tallow, 100 packages kidneys, 332 boxes beef, 24 packages ox tongues, 25 bags wax, 3 cases machinery, 19,986 ingots copper, 3800 bars lead, and sundries.

Mariposa, R.M.S., for San Francisco, via ports: 16 bales furskins, 10 bales skins, 598 ingots tin, 30 barrels oil, 320 cases onions, 199 pieces timber, 131 packages wrappers, 285 cases beer, 10 cases whisky, 102 cases wine, 15 cases spirits, 43 cases candles, 48 cases manufactures, 4 cases machinery, 12 firebars, 5 empty casks, and sundries.

Westralia, s., for Auckland: 4 steel girders, 35 cases oats, 41 cases wax, 9 cases matches, 60 cases turpentine, 120 bundles hoopiron, 10 barrels salmon, 10 cases ling, 20 bags cream tartar, 5 sacks malt, 140 packages tea, 69 cases beer, 40 cases brandy, 77 tubes, 3 cases confectionery, 420 sacks bottles, 830 bags salt, 300 pieces timber, 60 cases whisky, 6 octaves wine, 100 mats rice, 8 bales sacks, 75 cases benzine, 252 bags bark, 10 bales sacks, 7 packages grease, 20 plates steel, 40 chests tea, 300 sacks sugar, 10 cases brandy, 10 hogsheads white spirit, 5 bars steel, 3 cases axles, 10 cases drapery, 1743 bags bonedust, 100 cases fruit, and sundries.

Folmina, s., for London, via St. Nazaire and Cape ports: 1700 cases meats, 1050 tons coal, 1525 tons chrome ore.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Departures: February 14, Lady Lamington, s., for Bundaberg; Peregrine, s., for Sydney.
MARYBOROUGH.—Arrivals: February 14, Julia Percy, s., Eurimbla, s., from Brisbane. Departure: February 14, Burwah, s., for Brisbane.
GLADSTONE.—Departures: February 13, Gulf of Bothnia, s., for Sydney. February 14, Barcoo, s., for Brisbane.
KEPPEL BAY.—Departure: February 14, Wodonga, s., for Brisbane.
THURSDAY ISLAND.—Arrival: February 14, Warrego, s., from Brisbane.
YAMBA.—Departure: February 14, Kallatina, s., for Sydney. St. George, s., passed north.
NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: February 14, Namoi, s., Harport, s., Tamar, s., Excelsior, s., Kadina, s., Sophia Ann, s., Timaru, s., Hannah Nicholson, schooner, from Sydney. Departures: February 14, Gabo, s., for Melbourne, via Sydney, with 1800 tons coal, 20 tons coke; Excelsior, s., for Byron Bay; Wakatipu, s., for Launceston, via Sydney, with 850 tons coal; Koonya, s., for Devonport, via Kembla and Sydney, with 400 tons coal; Tamar, s., Sophia Ann, s., Timaru, s., Namoi, s., Jones Brothers, Advance, Annie Bow, Hannah Nicholson, schooners, for Sydney; Colac, s., for Townsville, with 1730 tons coal.
GABO ISLAND.—Passed: February 14, Taiyuan, s., at 8.10 a.m., Aramac, s., at 1.40 p.m., Kalgoorlie, s., at 3.45 p.m., all west; Kittawa, s., at 5 a.m., south; Glaucus, s., at 6.45 p.m., north.
MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: February 14, Ophir, R.M.S., from London; Barrier, s., from Newcastle; Pateena, s., from Launceston; Pilbarra, s., from Fremantle. Departures: Ophir, R.M.S., Pilbarra, s., Tyrian, s., for Sydney; Vincent, ship, for Newcastle; Penguin, s., for Hobart and ports; Koenigin Luise, s., for Bremen; Monowai, s., for New Zealand, via Hobart; Africander, s., for Durban; Ang berg, s., for Hamburg.
ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: February 14, Falls of Keitie, s., from New York; John Lewis, ketch, from Tasmania.
PORT DARWIN.—Arrival: February 10, Koonookarra, s., from Wyndham.
M'ARTHUR RIVER.—Arrival: February 12, Chingtu, s., from south. Departure: February 14, Chingtu, s., for Hongkong.
ALBANY.—Departure: February 14, Vine Branch, s., for Melbourne; Marloo, s., for Adelaide.
FREMANTLE.—Departure: February 13, Nemesis, s., for Geraldton. February 14, Willyama, s., for Newcastle.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

TWEED HEADS.—Departure: February 14, Wollumbin, s., at 7 p.m., for Sydney.
RICHMOND HEADS.—Arrival: February 14, St. George, s., at 4.20 p.m., from Sydney.
CLARENCE HEADS.—Arrival: February 14, Oakland, s., at 5.50 a.m., from Sydney. Departure: February 14, Kallatina, s., at 10 a.m., for Sydney.
WOOLGOOLGA.—Passed: February 14, Kallatina at 3 p.m., south; E. and A. Company's steamer at 5 p.m., south; Friendship at 6 p.m., north.
BELLINGER HEADS.—Arrival: February 14, Euroka, s., at 8 a.m., from Macleay River. Departure: February 14, Roselle, schooner, at 8 a.m., for Sydney.
NAMBUCCA HEADS.—Arrivals: February 14, Rosedale, s., at 7 a.m., from Sydney; Nambucca, s., at 7.15 a.m., from Sydney. Departure: February 14, Rosedale, s., at 9.15 a.m., for Sydney.
MACLEAY HEADS.—Departures: February 14, Euroka, s., at 5 a.m., for Sydney; Wyoming, s., at 6 a.m., for Sydney.
SMOKY CAPE.—Passed: February 14, Friendship, s., at 8 a.m., north; Innamincka, s., at 3.15 p.m., north.
PORT MACQUARIE.—Arrival: February 14, Rosedale at 5.45 p.m., from Nambucca. Myall at anchor off the port. Departures: February 14, Arab, ketch, at 8.30 a.m.; Empress of India, schooner, at 8.30 a.m.
TACKING POINT.—Passed: February 14, City of Grafton at 7 p.m., north; Adelaide Company's steamer at 7 p.m., south.
CAMDEN HAVEN.—Departure: February 14, Australia, schooner, at 10.52 am.
CROWDY HEADS.—Passed: February 14, Wyoming, s., at 3 p.m., south; City of Grafton, s., at 3.45 p.m., north; Yawata Maru at 3.30 p.m., south.
MANNING HEADS.—Arrival: February 14, Coraki, s., at 9.40 a.m.
CAPE HAWKE.—Arrival: February 14, Kingsley, s., at 8.15 a.m. Departure: February 14, Toogoloo, schooner, at 10 a.m.
SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: February 14, Excelsior, s., at 2.45 p.m., north; Billie Barlow at 4.55 p.m., south; Yawata Maru at 6.45 p.m., south.
PORT STEPHENS.—Arrivals: February 14, Candidate, ketch, at 8.45 a.m., Willinga, schooner, at 9.30 a.m., a topsail schooner at 9.40 a.m., south; a topsail schooner at 3.25 p.m., south; a ketch and fore-and-aft schooner at 6.35 p.m., south.
BARRANJOEY.—Arrival: February 13, Hawkesbury, s., at 9.40 p.m., from Sydney. Departures: February 14, Narara, s., during night; Hilda, schooner, during night, for Sydney. Passed: February 14, a three-masted schooner in tow at 3.15 p.m., south.
WOLLONGONG.—Departure: February 14, Balmain, s., at 6 a.m., for Sydney.
PORT KEMBLA.—Departure: February 14, Duckenfield at 6 p.m., for Sydney.
CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Arrivals: February 14, Illawarra, s., at 12.45 p.m., from Sydney; Coomonderry at 5.15 p.m., from Sydney.
JERVIS BAY.—Departure: February 14, Rebecca, ketch, resumed voyage south at 11.30 a.m. Passed: February 14, Burrumbeet at 9.40 a.m., like Fedegal at 9.50 a.m., Orova at 7.5 p.m., all south.
BATEMAN'S BAY.—Arrival: February 14, Peterborough, s., at 10 a.m., from Sydney.
BERMAGUI.—Arrival: February 14, Bega, s., at 10.45 a.m., from Sydney. Departure: Bega, s., at noon, for Tathra.
GREEN CAPE.—Passed: February 14, Kalgoorlie, s., at 2.5 p.m., south.
GABO ISLAND.—Passed: February 14, Kittawa, s., at 5 a.m., south; Taiyuan, s., at 8 a.m., west; Aramac, s., at 1.40 p.m., west; Kalgoorlie, s., at 3.45 p.m., west; Glaucus at 6.45 p.m., north.
WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed outwards: February 11, Norkoowa, s., at 10.5 a.m.
GEELONG.—Arrival: February 13, Castor, barque, at 6 p.m., from Delagoa Bay.
HOBART.—Departure: February 13, Oonah, s., at 7.38 p.m., for Sydney.
LOW HEAD (TAS.).—Arrival: February 14, Coogee, s., at 7.55 a.m., from Melbourne.
STRAHAN (TAS.).—Arrivals: February 13, Kawatiri, s., during night, from Melbourne. February 14, Jane Morehead, ketch, from Melbourne. Departure: Kawatiri, s., at 12.20 p.m., for Melbourne.
WYNYARD (TAS.).—Arrival: February 14, Lulu, ketch, at 11 a.m., from Melbourne.
ADELAIDE.—Arrival: February 14, John Lewis, ketch, from Tasmania. Departure: February 13, County of Ayr, for Guam.
PORT DARWIN (S.A.).—Arrival: February 13, Chingtu, s., from Sydney. Departures: February 13, Victoria, s., for Philippine Islands; Wairill, lugger, for Philippine Islands. February 14, Chingtu, s., for Hongkong.
PORT PIRIE (S.A.).—Arrival: February 13, Robert Searles, barque, from Puget Sound.
ALBANY (W.A.).—Departures: February 14, Vine Branch, s., at 9 a.m., for Melbourne; Marloo, s., at 9 a.m., for Adelaide.
FREMANTLE (W.A.).—Departures: February 13, Nemesis, s., at 5.30 p.m., for Geraldton. February 14, Willyama, s., at 5.40 a.m., for Newcastle.
AUCKLAND.—Arrival: February 14, Moana, R.M.S., at 7.45 a.m., from San Francisco. Departure: February 14, Moana, R.M.S., at 3.15 p.m., for Sydney.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

Arrival: Pelotas, barquentine, from Port Stephens. Departure: Star of the East, barque, for London, from Auckland.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Observatory, Wednesday.

Average rainfall for 41 years, 49·080.
Rainfall from January 1 to February 14, 2·491.
Average, 42 years, January 1 to January 31, 3·607.
Temperature.—Maximum, 78·2; minimum, 65·.7
Humidity.—9 a.m., 90; 3 p.m., 69.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29·89; Gascoigne, 29·92; Perth, 29·96; Esperance Bay, 29·87; Eucla, 29·75; Streaky Bay, 29·81; Adelaide, 29·95; Robe, 29·84; Portland, 29·95; Melbourne, 29·92; Wilson's Promontory, 29·91; Gabo Island, 29·97; Cape St. George, 29·98; Sydney, 29·97; Newcastle, 29·95; Port Macquarie, 29·98; Clarence Heads, 29·99; Brisbane, 29·85; Rockhampton, 29·89; Mackay, 29·85; Cooktown, 29·80.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Cloudy to raining on the coast and highlands, fine and clear west of the mountains.
Queensland.—Fine and clear inland, dull and stormy in the south-east.
Northern Australia.—Cloudy in the north, fine in centre.
New Zealand.—Generally showery.
New Caledonia.—Fine but cloudy at Gomen.
Western Australia.—Cloudy along coast, fine inland.
South Australia.—Cloudy in southern districts, fine north of Adelaide.
Victoria and Straits.—Cloudy on the coast, fine and clear inland.
Tasmania.—Cloudy throughout.

RIVER REPORTS AT 9 A.M.

Albury, 5in. below summer level; Balranald, below summer level; Bingara, low; Boolbral, dry; Bourke, 4ft. 9½in.; Brewarrina, 4ft. 1in., falling; Deniliquin, summer level; Euabalong, 1ft. 2in., falling; Euston, 2ft. 6in.; Goodooga, low; Gundagai, 2ft. 6in.; Hay, 1ft. 2in. below summer level; Hillston, 3ft. 8in., falling; Louth, low; Manilla, low; Menindie, low; Mogil Mogil, low; Moulamein, low; Mungindi, 2ft. 6in., falling; Pooncarie, low; Tilpa, low; Tocumwal, 1ie. below summer level; Wagga Wagga, 1ft.; Wentworth, low; Wilcannia, 5in., falling; Yetman, low; Barwon River, at Walgett, 5ft., falling; Namoi River, at Walgett, stopped running; Goondiwindi, low.

RAINFALL IN 24 HOURS PRECEDING 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Light to heavy with some thunderstorms over coastal and highland districts. Armidale 15 points, Araluen 117, Borgabri 5, Bundella 95, Bega 48, Bendemeer 3, Bowral 133, Bateman's Bay 38, Braidwood 88, Camden Haven 34, Cassilis 12, Clarence 34, Coonabarabran 10, Eden 19, Gabo Island 11, Glen Innes 42, Goulburn 10, Grafton 58, Grenfell 4, Kurrajong 176, Gunnedah 10, Jervis Bay 30, Milparinka 5, Nundle 17, Inverell 5, Katoomba 30, Kempsey 32, Maitland 9, Manning Heads 80, Moree 9, Moruya 13, Moss Vale 59, Mt. Victoria 3, Mungindi 3, Murrurundi 5, Newcastle 56, Penrith 41, Picton 36, Port Macquarie 34, Port Stephens 15, Raymond Terrace 15, Quirindi 5, Seal Rocks 42, Sydney 79, Tabulam 141, Tamworth 15, Taree 3, Tenterfield 51, Uralla 161, Taralg 4, Ulladulla 300, Walcha 75, Wollongong 145, Woolgoolga 29, Werris Creek 57.
Queensland.—Brisbane, 354 points; Cape Moreton, 32; Dalby, 5; Gayndah, 8; Goondiwindi, 12; Stanthorpe, 226; Surat, 12; Toowoomba, 103; Warwick, 73.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Byron Bay, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Ballina, N., cloudy, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, calm, fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, E.S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Macleay Heads, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, N., light, fine, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, N.E., fresh, fine, sea slight; Port Stephens, N.E., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Newcastle, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, N.E., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Catherine Hill Bay, N.E., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Barranjoey, N.E., light, cloudy, sea slight; South Head, N.E., light, cloudy, sea slight; Wollongong, N.E., cloudy, sea moderate; Kiama, N., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, N.E., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Jervis Bay, N.E., light, showery, sea smooth; Ulladulla, N.E., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Bateman's Bay, calm, showery, sea smooth; Moruya, N.E., light, dull, sea smooth; Eden, N.N.E., light, cloudy, sea slight; Green Cape, N.E., moderate gale, cloudy, sea moderate; Gabo Island, N., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate.

TUESDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Bourke 101 degrees, Brewarrina 108, Broken Hill 87, Collarendabri 107, Condobolin 98, Cooma 85, Coonabarabran 98, Cowra 87, Cudgellico 95, Deniliquin 81, Dubbo 97, Eden 69, Euston 85, Forbes 88, Gabo Island 20, Germanton 85, Glen Innes 93, Goulburn 78, Grafton 92, Gulgong 93, Gunnedah 99, Hay 81, Hillston 81, Jerry's Plains 87, Katoomba 79, Kempsey 86, Kiandra 68, Moree 103, Mungindi 105, Narrabri 105, Pilliga 103, Tabulam 103, Wagga 94, Walcha 101.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Winds variable and squally; weather still unsettled, some more thunderstorms probable on the coast.—H. C. Russell.
Victoria.—At first fine, with light to moderate northerly winds and rising temperature, but becoming cloudy, sultry, and unsettled later; slight sea.—P. Baracchi.
South Australia.—Cloudy, hot, sultry, and oppressive weather, becoming unsettled, and in parts thundery with some rain; change to cool southerly weather in 48 hours.—C. Todd.
Western Australia.—Moderately cool in southern districts south of Geraldton, including the lower Coolgardie goldfields, with possibly a few light showers on the coast; still hot or sultry from the Murchison northwards.—W. E. Cooke.

FORECASTS BY MR. WRAGGE.

New South Wales.—Thunder showers in N.E.; some rain also along coast and over highlands. Generally fine elsewhere. Hot northerly to north-westerly wave approaching under "Poppaea," which will be met by vessels bound W. Sea moderate.
Western Australia.—Except occasional monsoonal showers in the N. and showers along the S. coast, generally fine but cloudy. Very hot near the Cambridge Gulf. Southerly squalls between Geraldton, Perth, Albany, and Eucla. Sea moderate.
Northern Territory.—Very hot. Monsoonal thunderstorms, and north-westerlies blowing strong in N.
South Australia.—Generally fine and hot northerlies, but thereafter dust storms, thundershowers and cool rains from S.W., chiefly in S. parts under Antarctic disturbance "Poppaea."
Queensland.—Generally fine to cloudy, except capricious and scattered thunder showers, chiefly in the neighbourhood of a line joining Camooweal and Brisbane. Sea moderate; winds variable, northerlies prevailing.
Victoria and Tasmania.—Generally fine but cloudy. Hot northerlies to north-westerlies approaching, followed by a cool shift to W. and S.W. under "Poppaea." Sea moderate.
New Zealand.—Unsettled, with some rain S. from Wellington under W. side of "Nero."
New Caledonia.—Cloudy, with passing showers, and south-easters.
Note.—Conditions are suspicious between Gomen and the Solomons. The Antarctic disturbance "Poppaea" is well developed, and S. from Eucla.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR FEBRUARY 15.

Sun rises at 5.30, sets at 6.48; Moon, 7 p.m., 5.42 a.m.; Mercury, 5.50 a.m., 7.6 p.m.; Venus, 8.22 a.m., 8.27 p.m.; Mars, 4.56 a.m., 6.32 p.m.; Jupiter, 11.40 p.m., 1.48 p.m.; Saturn, 1.20 a.m., 3.38 p.m.
New moon, January 31; full moon, February 14.
High water at Fort Denison, 8.42 a.m., 8.58 p.m.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1900.

General Buller reports that he could not entrench his troops at Vaal Krantz owing to the rocky nature of the ground. It was not intended to advance from that point. The position could not have been securely held, owing to the enemy's guns dominating it.

The Boers have sent 1400 refugees to Lord Methuen. They state that they saw heaps of the Boer dead at Koodoos Berg. The total losses of the enemy there are now estimated at 200.

The British troops have withdrawn from Slingersfontein to Rensburg owing to their eastern flank having been threatened.

The death-rate amongst the white residents of Kimberley is 60, and that of natives 138 per 1000, whilst the mortality amongst infants is appalling.

The Transvaal Government is minting British gold and silver coins, owing to the difficulty of passing the coins of the republic.

The Bushman's Contingent Fund amounts to £27,077, and the Patriotic Fund to £20,852.

An intercolonial freetrade conference was opened yesterday in the Equitable-buildings, George-street, for the purpose of deciding on the future steps of the freetrade party under Federation. Mr. John Hughes, M.L.C., was elected president, and Mr. E. Pulsford, M.L.C., delivered an address.

The Volunteer Fire Brigade Station at Willoughby, recently completed, was officially opened yesterday.

Dr. P. J. Lalor was tried at the Ballarat Criminal Court on Tuesday on a charge of shooting at W. F. Coghlan. He was found not guilty on the ground of having been temporarily insane.

The Alstonville and Moruya shows were opened yesterday.

At Lake View and Boulder Junction, Western Australia, on Tuesday, a man named Henry Uren lost his life by the ignition of a quantity of explosives. Another miner was severely burned.

In the Central Criminal Court yesterday, in the case of William Thomas Clifford, charged with shooting at Miss Docker, the jury was unable to agree and accused was remanded.

It is reported that a boy named James Murphy has made a confession in connection with the death of the lad Cyrus M'Farlane at Grafton.

The report of the expert, Dr. Maxwell, on the pineapple industry in Queensland states that the industry is in danger of collapse owing to the prevalence of disease. Dr. Maxwell advocates the giving of instruction to the growers.

At the Beetaloo (South Australia) waterworks the condition of affairs is alarming, and unless great economy is exercised the Commissioner for Works threatens to cut off all services throughout the district, and supply water only through public standpipes.

Reports have been received from cotton spinners in Manchester of the quality of certain samples of cotton grown in the colony.

A cable message has been received by the Wesleyan Foreign Mission Office announcing the sudden death at Navuloa of the Rev. W. W. Lindsay, the oldest member of the Fiji mission.

Discussion took place at the Bowral Hospital Committee meeting yesterday regarding the payment to the medical officers, and it was resolved to increase the honorarium of each to £90 per annum.

The Rev. J. K. Elliott has been elected Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

In the Victorian Legislative Assembly last night the Postmaster-General asserted that under the arrangements made at the Premiers' Conference with regard to the Cape cable, the rights of the Pacific cable were perfectly safe.

The cutter Espiegle has been wrecked on Otoma Reef, Fiji, with the loss of Captain John Castle and 12 Tongans.

At the Cootamundra Turf Club's meeting yesterday the Cootamundra Cup was won by Mr. F. Hassett's Earl Olive.

The Board of Health has applied to the Minister for Lands for leave to undertake the culture of the bubonic plague bacillus, as well as the bacillus of cholera and glanders.

When the R.M.S. Moana left Honolulu on the 1st instant the plague was supposed to have been stamped out. In all 46 deaths had occurred.

At the League of Wheelmen's sports meeting last night the Patriotic Scratch Race of five miles was won by W. C. Jackson of Victoria.

The unsold allotments of the Martin-place land were offered for auction sale yesterday. Three lots were sold at a price of £79,650. The highest price per foot paid was £925.

A report from Melbourne states that the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company has accepted the modified conditions made by the Premiers' Conference concerning the Cape cable and the cable rates, with a few slight amendments.

In the violent storm yesterday morning rain fell at the rate of 4in. per hour at Wahroonga. In the Eastern Division 56 stations reported good rain.

Business in the Stock and Share market yesterday was again quiet, with little movement in quotations.

Although more activity prevailed in the Import market, trade was not buoyant.

The Mining market was quiet. Though Western Australian gold stocks were weaker, there was no marked depreciation in value.

The customs revenue received at Sydney yesterday amounted to £3528.

The R.M.S. Moana, from San Francisco, arrived at Auckland yesterday. The French mail steamer Ville de la Ciotat, from Sydney, left Colombo on Saturday, and the Armand Behic, for Sydney, left the same port on Sunday. The R.M.S. Miowera left Vancouver on Friday. The R.M.S. Oruba, from London, left Colombo on Monday.

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One of the lessons of the South African campaign which the nation has taken to heart is the necessity for increasing the military forces available for foreign operations or for defence. The War Office has now formulated a scheme to this end, the details of which were put before the British Parliament on Monday. As our cable messages convey them to us, it would appear that an effort is to be made to bring the available strength of regulars and trained auxiliaries up to something like 600,000 men. The campaign in which our troops are engaged has made larger demands than was anticipated. A few months ago it was thought that a force of 25,000, or at most of 40,000, men would be sufficient to establish British supremacy in South Africa. The development of events has shown that this calculation was entirely inadequate. There are now in the field or on the way something like 200,000 highly trained fighting men, yet the problem before those charged with the conduct of the campaign is still apparently far from solution. The War Office has learnt other lessons, all of them likely to be useful and worth even the price the nation has been called upon to pay for them. But in the meantime England is being depleted of her available troops, and it has become a question urgent for answer with those who carry the responsibility of military administration how to provide for a contingency of this kind now and in the future. The "Nineteenth Century" last month opened its pages to a discussion of this question, and in a prefatory note the Editor defined the situation when he said that the country is brought face to face with an alternative which cannot be ignored or evaded. We must either contract the boundaries of our Empire, he said, or we must expand our military forces until they are sufficient to defend from all aggression the vast inland frontiers oversea which our navy cannot reach.

Such is the position as it has defined itself to the view of thoughtful men at home, and it is the situation which the proposals of the War Office have been formulated to meet. It will be seen that under the provisions of this scheme, as the Under-Secretary for War explained it in the House of Commons, the present force of 100,000 regular troops still available for home defence is to be increased by the enrolment of a further 30,000 men. But even such a number as this is as nothing beside the Continental standing armies, which in the cases of Germany and France number about 600,000 on a peace footing, with 3,000,000 available for mobilisation in time of war. With our unrivalled navy and our insular position we do not require an army of this magnitude, if home defence alone were to be considered. But we have to remember, and the situation in South Africa emphasises this necessity, that our frontiers touch those of other nations in the four quarters of the world, and that an attack in any direction is or may be a menace to the security of the Empire. The deportation of vast bodies of troops to South Africa was a step as necessary in its own way as home defence would have been in different circumstances. The same situation may arise in Egypt, or near the Abyssinian frontier, in Afghanistan or in the Far East, at any moment favourable to the designs of other Powers. "The responsibilities of the Empire," says a recent writer, "have been allowed to outrun its military strength," and the remark may be comprehended at its full value when we recall how Lord Rosebery pointed out in 1896, in a speech at Edinburgh, that between that date and 1884 the total area of the Empire had been increased by about one-third, 2,600,000 square miles of the earth's surface having been added to its territory. Since then the Soudan has been taken in, and when the war now in progress is over we expect to add the Transvaal and the Orange Free State. The Little Englanders invite obloquy by objecting to this policy of expansion, but there is patriotism as well as prudence in admitting, with the Government and the War Office, that if we assume these growing responsibilities of empire we must see that our military forces grow with them. Another writer has been frankly telling his readers, in the light of these considerations, that the British army in its present shape is simply not strong enough to garrison and police the Empire.

There are several ways of meeting the difficulty. The rough-and-ready method of conscription and compulsory service as it is practised in France and Germany is so repugnant to the British sense of liberty that we can only think of its adoption in the face of urgent national necessity. Then there is the ballot for the militia, which Parliament suspends from year to year, but which can be enforced by the will of Parliament at any time. This matter has recently been handled, but our cables now show that Lord Salisbury has definitely decided against the revival of the ballot. We have therefore to fall back on the voluntary system, and the rate at which recruits are being enrolled shows that this may quite safely be done. A record of 10,000 enlistments since Christmas is convincing proof that the War Office is right in its scheme for increasing the nation's military strength without the use of compulsory measures. Forty years ago, when the French colonels were threatening England, it was the fashion to say that the necessity for conscription was avoided by the enthusiastic manner in which the volunteer system was taken up, and the authorities have the same faith to-day, encouraged by the outburst of military spirit both in Great Britain and in the colonies. The inducements held out to the militia and time-expired reservists, as well as the manner in which the scheme touches the yeomanry and volunteers, are sufficiently set forth in our cabled abstract of Mr. George Wyndham's speech. It is satisfactory to know, despite the plea of the "Times" for a scheme displaying more imagination, that the desired end can be obtained without forced measures. That most in favour seems to have been the Swiss system, under which every male between 20 and 50 is trained and liable to military service, though not except in the last resort after the age of 40. The scheme provides Switzerland with a force, on the war footing, of 400,000 trained fighting men, and we can hardly wonder if the system has its temptations elsewhere. But so long as the army can fill its ranks as rapidly as it is doing at present at the Empire's call, there will be no necessity either for forced conscription or the revival of the militia ballot.

The Freetrade Conference proceedings yesterday chiefly consisted of formal preliminaries and a statement of the situation by Mr. Pulsford, the chairman of the provisional committee appointed in Sydney to promote the object in view. While this is a common one, there was sufficient evidence of independence on the part of representatives of each colony to show that it will be considered on intercolonial lines. It is not matter for regret that the delegates of other colonies should desire the resolutions even preliminarily to be framed by all of them rather than by New South Wales. The work will command more confidence in the other colonies if prepared by a committee composed of delegates from all. At the same time the New South Wales representatives are to be congratulated and not condemned for the preparation of resolutions; for they can hardly fail to facilitate the proceedings of the more general body.

The delegates who attend the conference are weighted with an initial difficulty, but for which there would be little doubt as to the result of the impending struggle. If several of the sister colonies had not been dependent on the proceeds of duties that operate restrictively, the policy of open markets might be regarded as almost a foregone conclusion. The advantages of free trade and the disadvantages of protection have made themselves so apparent in stimulating the progress of New South Wales on the one hand, and restricting that of Victoria on the other, as to have left no case for the narrow and exclusive politicians. But the dependence for revenue of two or three of the colonies on the proceeds of protective duties makes the adoption of a fiscal policy without them to yield a sufficient income extremely difficult. That, of course, constituted one of the chief hindrances to the acceptance of federation by the people of this colony. It was indeed the crux of the financial question, which was so difficult of settlement that it was left for the determination of the Federal Parliament. By common consent its discussion was tabooed until after the referendum.

In his opening address Mr. Pulsford very properly pointed out that the general improvement in the conditions of Australasia tends to reduce the difficulty very materially. Under the influence of better times the colonies have had substantial increases in their respective revenues, and unless they have added to their expenditure in proportionate measures, and say that they cannot do with less, obviously the necessity for New South Wales to raise her duties to so great an extent disappears. But we can hardly suppose so unfederal a plea would be put forward. Rather we anticipate on every ground that the broader spirit that must be infused into the settlement of federal finance will devise something to lessen the log-rolling, wasteful outlays to which the people of the disunited colonies have so long been subject. That is one of the distinct advantages looked for as the result of confederation, and therefore we are justified in assuming that the general increase in the revenues of the sister colonies makes it easier for them now than it was two years ago to accept a customs tariff that will not be so much more burdensome to New South Wales as at one time was supposed. The people of this colony, particularly those who fought so hard for union in the anticipation of having to bear the extra burden, are entitled to so much consideration.

And the cause of the brightening of the outlook practically suggests the chief argument for the adoption of a free fiscal policy. What is it that has given the colonies more ample revenues but the increase in the production of minerals and the fruits of the development of industries on the lands of the colony, with the general rise in prices of our raw products in the markets of the world? Their gold and tin and copper and wool and tallow and butter have brought them such an accession of revenue as to have translated the general condition of depression into one of comparative prosperity, despite the fact that the seasons have not yet by any means been propitious. How, it may be asked, can those who have rendered this great service to the colonies be helped by increasing the cost of production? The depression under which the colonies laboured prior to the crisis of 1893 was largely the result of the undue burdens thrown on the producing classes by the settlement in Sydney and Melbourne of a disproportionate amount of the population. Relief came after the readjustment which has reduced the population of Melbourne from 43 per cent. of that of Victoria in 1891 to 39 per cent. in 1898. And similarly in New South Wales improved industrial conditions have been created by the reduction of the metropolitan population from 34 per cent. to 31 per cent. of the whole.

With such broad facts staring them in the face, the federal constituencies can hardly countenance the general adoption of a policy which will weight the great industries of the country that have been the means of restoring a large measure of prosperity. There is a natural tendency on the part of a population to its towns and cities that does not require to be artificially stimulated by the attempt to create industries specially suited to them. Any experience gained in Australia or elsewhere does not warrant the hope of a larger measure of prosperity than can come from the development of its great natural resources. In every way to cheapen the expense of this work, and not to increase it for the supposed benefit of a few townsfolk, is the aim of the Freetrade Association, and its efforts will have the sympathy and support of all who desire to see the people of Australia left unfettered in their pursuit of material wellbeing. Especially may we anticipate for them the intelligent consideration of the producers of the raw materials, whose market even is not benefited but really prejudiced by the creation of State-aided industries.

It is announced that Western Australia is sending a delegate to London to represent that colony's policy with regard to federation. It may be hoped that he is better informed or decided on the subject than responsible Western Australian politicians appear to be, or he will certainly have his trip for nothing. At present the western colony declines to give its electors an opportunity of saying whether they will accept the Commonwealth Bill or not, and if the delegate has no more to say to the home Government than that it does not appear that Mr. Chamberlain will be much benefited by his counsel. Sir John Forrest gives us to understand that he is prepared to waive all the demands formulated by the Joint Committee except the one relating to complete control of the colony's customs for five years after the imposition of the uniform tariff. If it is the special mission of the delegate to press this as the main difficulty of Western Australia in regard to federation and its chief objection to the Commonwealth Bill the argument can only be pressed at the expense of the bill itself. The sending of a delegate would therefore mean that he goes to London as an enemy of the bill and an opponent of federation, since any attempt to amend the measure now would imperil its existence. If, on the other hand, Sir John Forrest does not mean this, and if he wishes to be accepted as an Australian federalist, all he has to do is to define his colony's policy by permitting the electors to pass their verdict on the Commonwealth Bill by means of a referendum as all the other colonies have done. No one objects to Western Australia sending a delegate, but it is not easy to distinguish his locus standi in a purely federal mission, representing as he does a colony which for the present elects to stand out of the federation.

The country is to be congratulated on the acceptance by Mr. C. G. Heydon, Q.C., of the position of District Court Judge. The high reputation which Mr. Heydon has enjoyed at the Bar may be taken as a guarantee that he will devote to the work which he has now undertaken the zeal and ability which have procured him distinction in the Courts of Justice and in Parliament. Mr. Heydon has in times past occupied the position of Supreme Court Judge, and the experience thus gained will now stand him in good stead. The appointment must be regarded as eminently satisfactory from several points of view. From a merely pecuniary standpoint the country gets the best of the bargain, for Mr. Heydon must have enjoyed a large practice at the Bar which will have brought him in a better return than his new position carries with it. The selection of a prominent member of the inner Bar is a tribute to the importance of the District Court Bench. The new Judge has further deserved well of his country by his admirable consolidation of various statutes—a work which always stood in need of doing, and which Mr. Heydon did without emolument of any kind. That a barrister in large practice, with constant demands on his time as counsel and as member of Parliament, should devote his leisure so successfully to an important work of this magnitude, is a fact which reflects great credit on him. The appointment of such a man raises again the old question as to the advisability of extending the jurisdiction of the District Courts, and so relieving the Supreme Court of some of the work which presses so heavily upon it. The absurdity of the present limitation may be seen from this consideration: Judge Heydon may not hear any civil cause where the sum in dispute exceeds £200, and as chairman of Quarter Sessions he may not try prisoners charged with capital crimes. A year or so ago Acting Supreme Court Judge Heydon was as thoroughly qualified as the Chief Justice is to hear civil causes involving hundreds of thousands of pounds, or to try a prisoner for his life. The extension of the jurisdiction of District Court Judges would be a boon to suitors in outlying parts of the country, and if leading lawyers of Mr. Heydon's stamp are willing to accept the position there should be removed the last objection to the reform.

THE FEDERATION DELEGATES.—The Premier stated last night that he had been informed by telegram that Western Australia had been asked to send a delegate to London to advise the Government with reference to the Commonwealth Bill. Mr. Lyne says that he could not understand such an application. Sir John Forrest had intimated that Western Australia would be willing to come in as an "original State" if certain further concessions were granted to her. The Premier thinks that it now too late to make concessions. Western Australia is already liberally dealt with. If she joins the federation she must do so under the bill. The delegates from the federating colonies have been instructed to allow of no alteration in the measure, and so far as New South Wales is concerned Mr Lyne says that those instructions will be repeated to Mr. Barton if necessary.

THE REVENUE.—The Premier is satisfied with the rate at which the revenue is coming in. For the 13 days of the present month the increase has been £149,000, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The total increase since July last (the beginning of the financial year) is £358,771. Land and income taxes and customs receipts show the largest increases. An explanation, however, is offered by departmental officers to the effect that owing to the information being more readily obtainable, these taxes are being paid earlier this year than last year. Probably there will be a shortage next month. It seems that the expenditure for the first seven months of the present financial year was £291,000 in excess of last year. Last year's expenditure, however, exceeded the year before it by £386,000. One reason why the expenditure is heavy this year is because the railway expenditure is £42,000 in excess of the previous year, and the Colonial Secretary's department is in excess to about the same amount. This latter sum, however, is principally in relation to charities, most of which contributions ought to have been paid the year before. Altogether the Premier looks upon the state of the revenue as being extremely satisfactory, and he hopes that the increases will continue.

THE CITY RAILWAY.—The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works met yesterday morning, the Hon. W. J. Trickett, M.L.C., presiding. The committee proceeded with the further consideration of the expediency of extending the railway system of the colony from the present terminus at Redfern into the city, including the erection of a large station. Mr. H. Deane, Engineer-in-Chief, Railway Construction Branch, Department of Public Works, continued his explanation in detail of the 10 different schemes suggested and prepared by his department. A large number of plans were shown, and the advantages and defects of the various proposals pointed out. The committee adjourned its sittings until to-day.

THE DISTRICT COURT JUDGESHIP.—The Premier states that Mr. C. G. Heydon, Q.C., has accepted the position of District Court Judge which was offered to him. One of the conditions of the appointment, however, is that the office will not carry an appointment with it for the first 12 months.

IMPROVED POSTAL FACILITIES.—Some short time ago Mr. E. M. Clark, M.L.A., introduced a deputation from the Northern Suburbs Municipal Committee to the Postmaster-General, urging improved postal facilities for portions of the northern district and extra telephone communication. Mr. Clark has received a letter from the department, in regard to the Bridge Estate and outlying district of North Sydney, intimating that the grievance in regard to the early delivery would be remedied, that a second delivery of letters would be made in the Bridge Estate, and additional postal facilities granted for the whole of the North Sydney district.

PATRIOTIC FUND.—We have received from Lieutenant J. H. E. Booker, of the Australian Rifles, a cheque for two guineas as a contribution towards the Patriotic Fund, also the sum of £5 from Miss E. Croft, of the steamer Otway.

INFORMAL VOTES AT THE PADDINGTON ELECTION.—In regard to the informal votes recorded at the Paddington Municipal Election, concerning which we received a number of letters of which we published the purport, we are informed by the electoral officer that no complaints were received as to the insufficiency of light, and it was considered by those responsible that the light was sufficient. We are also informed that there were not only two names on the voting-paper but three names, one gentleman making it known after nomination that he was not actually contesting the election. This fact, it is stated, was generally known, but a number of those who voted did not strike out the name of the gentleman in question, but simply ignored it and struck out one of the other names, leaving two names instead of one, thus rendering their votes informal.

MAILS AND MAIL STEAMERS.—Yesterday saw the first of the excursion liners to Hobart away in the Orient Company's Oroya, which opened the intercolonial round trip season via Tasmania and the charmingly cool resort on the Derwent. Following the Oroya was despatched the American steamer Mariposa, and to see both vessels off went numbers of visitors and friends of those on board. By the Oroya there left Miss Darchy, a journalistic lady, who purposes spending some time in the United States following her profession. Many of her friends were present to see her away and to wish her all success. United States Consul-General Bray is a passenger through to the States. A cable from Auckland gives the arrival there of the Union Company's Moana from San Francisco full of cargo and with a good passenger list. The vessel arrived in the Waitemata at 6 a.m. and left for Sydney at 3.15 p.m. Captain M. Carey, the commander, wired: "Expect me on Sunday early."

NEW CALEDONIA.—The French steamer Pacifique yesterday brought confirmation of the news of the wreck of the fine four-masted barque Emil Renouf, reported the other day in the "Herald." The disaster was unattended by loss of life. It is said that the vessel ran upon an uncharted rock, and she sank almost immediately. The crew suffered in the boats from want of fresh water before being picked up by a passing vessel. The steamer Werfa, from Sydney, arrived on the 9th instant at Noumea. It is reported that the French cruiser Durance will replace the Eure on the Pacific station early in June. Of the bubonic plague fresh cases continue to be reported. Only on Friday last two natives were found to be bad, and were taken to the plague hospital. Three days before a European and a native were attacked, and on the 7th instant a female, whose name was not disclosed, took suddenly ill and died within 24 hours. When the Pacifique left the plague was abating, there being but some half-dozen cases in the hospital.

THE SHIP DUNTRUNE MISSING.—Yesterday the underwriters received word that the well-known iron ship Duntrune, in command of Captain G. Winterton, has been given up for lost. An old Australian visitor, the Duntrune brought many cargoes to this port from the Clyde, and has repeatedly formed one of the homeward wool fleet from these colonies. She was a smart Dundee-built clipper of 1510 tons register, one of Stephens and Son's build, and launched a quarter of a century ago. It appears that she loaded coal at Barry for Junin, and sailed as far back as June 17 last. She was off Cambridge Island, Chili, on October 17, since which time nothing has been heard of her.

ART SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the council of the Art Society of New South Wales was held last evening. Mr. Lister Lister, president, was in the chair, and there was a large attendance of members. The secretary reported that the number of students attending classes was greatly in excess of any previous year. Rules were fixed for the admittance of pictures at the next spring exhibition.

GEORGE ELIOT AND THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.—A well considered lecture on "George Eliot's Influence upon the Progress of the Nineteenth Century" was delivered last night at a meeting held under the auspices of the Women's Suffrage League, in the School of Arts, by Miss A. Golding.

THE CARPENTERS' STRIKE.—The carpenters' strike committee reports that it is fairly satisfied with the progress of events in connection with the stand which is being taken to secure the recognised minimum wage of 10s per day. At the middle of last week the committee had 130 men on its books, but yesterday the number had been reduced to 150, the men relieved having found employment at 10s per day. In further support of the increase it is claimed the cost of living, including rents, has gone up 20 per cent. since the time when the minimum wage was restored to 9s per day, but that the 9s then granted is not equal to the 10s now asked. The secretary of the strike committee stated yesterday that some of the shipping firms would start to pay the 10s to-day.

THE TRADES' HALL.—The balance-sheet for the half-year ended December 31 last of the Trades' and Industrial Hall and Literary Institute Association of Sydney, Limited, which has been issued shows the receipts to have been £192 1s 4d and the expenditure £133 16s 1d. The credit balance, including the item of £62 9s 6d brought from the previous half-year, is set down as £120 14s 9d, the profit on the period covered being £58 5s 2d. The total debt on the building is £5062 19s 4d, against which the assets are valued at £15,336 13s 3d. The following officers have been re-elected for the ensuing six months:—Chairman, J. E. West; treasurer, R. Mooney; secretary, G. Rutter; executive committee, Messrs. W. Fuller, H. W. Jackson, J. Donohue, A. Geitz, H. Burton, and J. Asprey; and financial trustee, C. Charman.

ILLNESS OF A JUROR.—During the hearing of a case of maliciously wounding, heard at the Quarter Sessions at Darlinghurst yesterday afternoon, a juror named Hugh M'Ghee was seized with an epileptic fit. Sergeant L. Parkinson, of Ashfield, rendered first aid in the jurors' retiring room, and the juror was enabled in a few minutes to resume his position in the box.

DEATH OF A VETERAN MISSIONARY IN FIJI.—A cable message was received at the Wesleyan Foreign Mission office yesterday from Rev. A. J. Small, of Bau, Fiji, announcing the sudden death of the Rev. W. W. Lindsay at the District Training College, Navuloa, on Sunday, February 4. Mr. Lindsay was the oldest member of the mission, having been resident in Fiji for nearly 29 years. At the time of his decease he was the chairman of the district and principal of the Navuloa College, which positions he had held for some years. He was universally respected, both by the foreign residents and by the natives, amongst whom he laboured for so many years, and his sudden and unexpected death is a serious loss to the mission.

FOUND DROWNED.—The City Coroner yesterday held an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Santiago Baruel, who was found drowned in the waters of Blackwattle Bay, as previously reported in the "Herald." An open finding was recorded.

We have received from the publishing establishment of George Newnes, Limited, London, copies of two admirable publications dealing exclusively with the war in South Africa. One is entitled "The King of Illustrated Papers," and, as its name indicates, is devoted to the production of a large number of photographs of the stirring scenes occurring at the seat of war. The other is called "The Transvaal Album," and is also replete with excellent photographs of the British forces in South Africa.

TO-DAY.

Sydney and Suburban Hydraulic Power Company Limited: Annual Meeting, Mutual Life of New York building, 3 p.m.
Sydney Clerks and Warehousemen's Benefit Association: Annual Meeting and Smoke Concert, Quong Tart's Rooms, King-street, 7.45 p.m.
Early Closing Act: Shopkeepers' Meeting, School of Arts, Mount-street, North Sydney, 8 p.m.
Pitt-street Congregational Literary and Social Union: Lecture by Rev. W. A. Potts, 8 p.m.
Freetrade Conference: 10.30 a.m.
L.O.L., No. 3, Derry: A. P. Meeting, St. Paul's Schoolroom, Redfern, 8 p.m.
Kensington Races: First event, 2.15 p.m.
Opera House: "Rip Van Winkle," 8 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: Pantomime, "Little Red Riding Hood," 7.30 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "Never too Late to Mend," 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," 2 and 8 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: Mr. Harry Rickards's Company, 7.50 p.m.
Cyclorama and Hall of Illusions: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

SAMOA.

THE ANGLO-GERMAN CONVENTION.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

The German Reichstag has approved of the Treaty with Great Britain in regard to Samoa, under which the control of the Samoan group is handed over to Germany, and the United States keeps the coaling station of Pago Pago.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

At a sitting of the Criminal Court at Ballarat yesterday Dr. J. P. Lalor was tried on a charge of shooting at W. F. Coghlan on January 6. After deliberating for an hour the jury returned to Court with a verdict of not guilty on a charge of attempting to shoot with intent to kill, and not guilty on a charge of attempting to do grievous bodily harm on the ground of being temporarily insane.

The death is announced of Mr. George Robertson, late head of the shipping department of Messrs. James Service and Co.

The shipments of gold from Melbourne by the Himalaya yesterday amounted to £180,000.

A large number of gentlemen, representative of all the principal commercial interests in Melbourne, gathered yesterday to inspect the new warehouse in Flinder's Lane of Messrs. Paterson, Laing, and Bruce. The addition was necessitated by the demand of growing business. The speeches were of a congratulatory character.

The report of the Postal Department shows that the past year was a very busy one. The receipts from the telephone service were £10,000 in excess of 1898. The receipts from the telegraphic business amounted to £109,162 as compared with £97,565 during the previous year.

The Audit Commissioners' report states that the total public debt of Victoria on July 1, funded and unfunded, was £48,803,005.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The Executive Council to-day granted six months' leave of absence, with full pay, to Dr. Leith Napier, of the Adelaide Hospital, who recently fractured his skull whilst attached to the mounted contingent.

The Chief Secretary has received a telegram from Sir John Forrest stating that Troopers Moore and Toseland are progressing favourably, and will shortly leave the hospital.

A report has been received from the resident engineer of the Beetaloo waterworks showing that the present condition of affairs is alarming. The Commissioner of Works now feels it incumbent upon him, in the interests of the people generally, to give public notice that unless much greater economy in the use of water is exercised during the next seven days all services throughout the district will be shut off, and the water supplied only through public standpipes. The district is the largest reticulated area under one system to be found anywhere in the world.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Wednesday.

Mr. J. T. Short, Chief Traffic Manager, and Mr. T. Patterson, Chief Accountant of the Railways, left Perth for Adelaide to-day to attend the Intercolonial Railway Conference.

A north-west report states that unless rain falls very soon the outlook for pastoralists will be most grave. Stock are already suffering considerably.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

A shocking mining accident, whereby Henry Uren, a miner, lost his life, and the recovery of another miner is despaired of, occurred at Lake View and Boulder Junction yesterday afternoon. Shortly after 4 p.m. they were descending the shaft property together in a cage with a quantity of dynamite in an open box. A spark from Uren's pipe ignited the explosives, with the result that the men were severely burned. They were immediately hauled to the surface and conveyed to the hospital. Uren died before reaching there. Both men had wives and families at the Boulder. The unfortunate men probably inhaled the fumes as well as being burned.

John Davies, who was injured in the explosion at the Lake View Boulder Junction mine, succumbed last night.

This afternoon a man named Patrick Cusack died suddenly in the rear of Tattersall's Hotel in Hannan-street from heat apoplexy.

ARRIVAL OF THE R.M.S. MOANA AT AUCKLAND.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

The R.M.S. Moana arrived from San Francisco to-day. Her passengers (saloon) are:—

For Sydney: Messrs. S. E. Laidley, D. Webster, H. Golpe, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Darling and child, Mr. Turner and 2 children, Mrs. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Lysaght, Mr. W. E. Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Withide, Mr. and Mrs. H. Callaghan, D. Hare, M. Kinnsey, W. Moxham, Mrs. E. H. Forbes, Mr. H. W. Beard, Miss Beard, Messrs. W. Rennie, A. Owens, W. Tappenbeck, E. Slattery, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Beveridge and child, the Rev. Father Forestor, Mr. J. Kenson, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman and child, Miss Andree, Messrs. T. Austin, F. M'Leod, F. Beohment, J. Carsno, R. Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Tackie and child, Mr. J. W. Beil, Miss D. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Bannan, Mr. and Mrs. Virdnitt and child, Messrs. J. Dawson, H. Mauwaring, C. Moss, Mrs. Kerrand and child, Mr. and Mrs. Willey, Messrs. L. Willey, H. Knox, Mrs. Henderson, Messrs. W. Reid, J. Jay, Burns, Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard and infant, Miss Leech, Miss Barkley, Captain Mitchell, Mr. Vesick.

THE GRAFTON TRAGEDY.

CONFESSION BY MURPHY.

GRAFTON, Wednesday.

The inquest concerning the death of the lad Cyrus M'Farlane was continued yesterday afternoon. The lad James Murphy was present in custody on suspicion of causing the death. Evidence was given by John Eaton and Patrick M'Carthy. The inquiry was adjourned for eight days. Mr. C. J. Bawden appeared for Murphy, and Mr. R. R. Donaldson watched the case for M'Farlane's family.

Murphy made a full confession of the Prince-street murder, and signed a written statement giving details which will not be made public till the inquiry is resumed on Wednesday next. It has been elicited that the lads went to the melon patch, took melons, and ate them, when a disagreement arose, one accusing the other of bringing him to the place. Words arose and threats followed on both sides, so Murphy states. M'Farlane's attitude induced him to take up the rail and kill him. Murphy examined deceased's pockets for a knife, which he did not find. He then went home, leaving the victim where he fell. The confession caused a considerable sensation here.

The tramway authorities announce that the monthly moonlight excursion to Coogee will be repeated this evening. Special trams will be run between 7 and 8 p.m.

At Tuesday night's meeting of the Randwick Council Alderman G. Gale moved, Alderman Irvine seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded in favour of Messrs. J. A. I. Perry and F. R. Clarke for their services to the council during the last few years in the capacity of aldermen. Both these gentlemen retired by effluxion of time, and did not contest the seats again.

The members of the Sydney Clerks and Warehousemen's Association will hold a smoke concert to-night at Quong Tart's rooms, King-street.

Mr. E. S. Swinburne, aged 19, a member of the Naval Volunteer Artillery, had the tip of his shinbone broken at the ankle last night while drilling with his company in the vicinity of Mrs. Macquarie's Chair. A gun carriage weighing about 4cwt. in being swung round struck him. The injured limb was set in splints at the Sydney Hospital, and the patient was afterwards removed to his home.

NEW ZEALAND.

WRECK AT FIJI.

LOSS OF LIFE.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

News from Fiji states that the cutter Espeigle, owned by Mr. Krause, of Nukualofa, Tonga, was wrecked on Otoma Reef, and Captain John Castle and 12 Tongans were drowned.

A difficulty has occurred with the lascar crew of the Knight Templar, the vessel engaged to take the third contingent to the Cape. They contend that their time has expired, and that they should be returned to Bombay direct. The Government has been advised, however, that though the articles have expired the lascars are compelled to return in her to Bombay, whether the vessel goes direct or by way of the Cape.

The Rev. J. K. Elliott has been elected Moderator for the next year of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTS.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the Legislative Council, on the motion of Sir Frederick Sargood, the report of the managers of the free conference on the Factories and Shops Acts Amending Bill was adopted without amendment. The Appropriation Bill and the State School Teachers Bill were passed through all their stages. The resolution for sending the Tramway Bill to a select committee was rescinded, and the bill, embodying a compromise between the parties interested in the eight-hours principle, and the time and a quarter for overtime work, was carried through all stages.

The Legislative Assembly yesterday endorsed the motion that the Government should proceed without delay with the construction of the Heidelberg to Eltham railway authorised in 1893. A motion was made in favour of increasing to £30 the pensions less than that amount paid to railway employees discharged before 1895. The Treasurer admitted a good case had been made out, and promised consideration. The House adjourned to next day.

In the Assembly to-day Mr. Higgins, with a view of removing misapprehensions, said that the conversations and communications with the Premier and the Treasurer, which he referred to yesterday were not confidential. The ex-Premier was perfectly agreeable to his moving the motion, and had informed him that no doubt the Opposition, with the exception of two members who were doubtful, must vote for it. He may have been foolish in putting faith in the leader of the Opposition and the press, but he would take the same course again. It was explained by the Premier that the members of the police force joining the Bushmen's Corps would, on their return, be allowed at once to resume their position in the force without the forfeiture of any privileges.

Mr. Duffy initiated a discussion on the subject of the agreement with the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company by producing a telegram from Mr Seddon complaining that the agreement was unfair to Canada and New Zealand. The Government seemed disposed to allow the matter to drop, but Sir George Turner and Mr. Gillies, speaking in the interests of the Pacific cable, urged the postponement of the final steps with regard to the agreement until the House had had an opportunity of considering the matter. The Postmaster-General asserted that, under the arrangement made at the Premiers' Conference, the rights of the Pacific cable were perfectly safe, and expressed the conviction that the agreement with the Eastern Company would be found fully satisfactory, as would the guarantee of a cheap service and proper competition.

The discussion in committee on the cyanide patent agreement was continued at great length, but ultimately progress was reported, to allow of the consideration of the conference agreement on on the Factories Act Amending Bill, which was agreed to after some discussion. Several small bills were also passed.

The Assembly sat till a late hour with the object of bringing the work of the session to a close.

REDUCTION IN THE CABLE RATES.

MODIFICATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE PREMIERS' CONFERENCE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Subjoined is a copy of a letter sent by Mr. W. Warren, manager in Australasia for the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, to the Postmaster-General of this colony, embodying the company's acceptance of the modifications made by the Premiers Conference, recently held in Sydney. It is presumed this will be the basis of the contract to be arrived at. The reduction of rates it will be observed, is to come into force three weeks' after the signing of the contract. This is much earlier than was anticipated. Mr. Chamberlain's suggestions referred to in the letter were that the military authorities were to be consulted as to the landing places for the cable at Glenelg and Fremantle, and that the rates once reduced should not be raised again. The letter is as follows:—

"Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company, Limited, Melbourne, February 14, 1900. Sir,—Referring to my letter of the 7th instant, I have the honour to inform you that my board has agreed to the modifications recommended by the Premiers' conference recently held in Sydney subject to certain slight amendments as follows:—(a) That Mr. Chamberlain's suggestions be agreed to; (b) the right to open local offices to be exercised only on laying the Pacific cable, or on laying any other competing cable, in the meantime formal notice of not less than six months to be given to the Eastern Extension Company to enable them to prepare for the opening of their offices simultaneously with the competing cable; (c) that clause 19 of the draft agreement, page 8, is to read: 'Stationery and goods of the Extension Company or their assigns, which are used solely for the purpose of cable business of the Extension Company, &c.; (d) landing sites in Perth, Fremantle, Adelaide, and Glenelg, to be subject to satisfactory arrangements approved by the Governments of Western Australia and South Australia; (e) the question of the removal of the Roebuck Bay cable to be left to the Western Australian Government and the company to settle after the completion of the Cape cable. I am authorised to say that the reduced rates could come into force within three weeks of the signing of the contract. This interval is necessary to enable the International Bureau at Berne to notify the telegraphic administrations in the union of the alterations to be made in the Australasian tariff, vide International Telegraph Convention and Service Regulations, 1896 (page 29, article 27). I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient servant. (Signed) W. Warren, manager in Australasia."

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

THE IMPORTATION OF THE BACILLUS.

APPLICATION BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

A special application in connection with the bubonic plague has been made to Mr. Hassall. It seems that the administration of the Animals Infectious Diseases Act comes within his department. He has been applied to (through the Board of Health) by Dr. Tidswell, Government Bacteriologist, for leave to import into the colony and to culture the bacillus of the bubonic plague, cholera, and glanders. A great deal of correspondence has passed on the matter. One of the arguments used in favour of the issue of such a license is that it is impossible for the board to correctly diagnose suspected cases of the kind mentioned unless they have the actual specimens already under observation. It may be mentioned that some time since a similar application was made to Mr. Carruthers, who was then Minister for Lands. He decided to refuse the license, on the ground that, in his opinion, it would be an act of criminal recklessness for the Government in any way to authorise the introduction into the colony, even for experimental purposes, of the bacteria of dread diseases hitherto unknown in Australasia. This precedent is weighing with Mr. Hassall. He has the application of Dr. Tidswell under consideration. Apparently Mr. Hassall is not in favour of granting it. At any rate he will not do so unless he has the sanction of the Cabinet on the matter.

The steamer Pacifique arrived in Sydney from Noumea yesterday. She had on board M. Feillet, the Governor of New Caledonia. She will be released from quarantine on the 22nd instant.

PLAGUE AT HONOLULU.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

When the Moana left Honolulu, on the 1st instant, the plague was supposed to have been stamped out, no fresh cases having been reported for four days. In all 46 deaths from the plague had occurred, the majority being Chinamen.

DR. BROOK'S PILLS for pale, sallow, and emaciated people.
DR. BROOK'S PILLS, a perfect family medicine.
DR. BROOK'S PILLS, the finest tonic in the world.—Advt.

QUEENSLAND.

THE PINEAPPLE INDUSTRY.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Dr. Maxwell has furnished a report on the pineapple industry. As the result of the short time he has spent in investigations he states no effort is made to limit the spread of the disease which is now ravaging the pineapple fields and threatening to destroy the industry. Diseased plants are being used for propagation. This will be the means of infesting the whole of the pineapple districts with the disease. Growers require assistance in the form of advice, first how to treat their soils in order to restore vitality to the plant, also in the selection of seed. Dr. Maxwell thinks the situation is very serious, and that something should be done at once if the industry is not to collapse. It appears, he says, that the Government should take the matter up for exhaustive investigation, and also for an experimental examination of all the factors that bear upon it.

A man named Burns, who had booked from Townsville to Sydney as a steerage passenger on the Peregrine, was found dead in his cabin this morning. The man had recently sustained a sunstroke at Hughenden, and was subsequently an inmate of the hospital.

MARTIN PLACE LAND SALE.

THREE OUT OF EIGHT LOTS SOLD.

Messrs. Hardie and Gorman, in conjunction with Richardson and Wrench, Limited, yesterday offered the unsold allotments in Martin-place. There was a large attendance at the saleroom of the first-named firm. Eight allotments in all, with frontages of 30ft. to 35ft. to Martin-place and Martin-lane, were submitted, on the terms of one-third cash and the balance of payment in two years, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum. Lot 1, with a frontage of 34ft. 6in., and a depth of 78ft. ¾in. to Martin-lane, was first offered, the purchaser having a right to take the adjoining lot, No. 2, at a reduction of 10 per cent., and lot No. 3, the next one, at a reduction of 10 per cent. on the price of lot No. 2. Competition was begun with a bid of £700 per foot and advanced to £925 per foot, at which lot No. 1 was knocked down to the representative of the Bank of Australasia, lots 2 and 3 adjoining being also taken at £832 10s per foot and £749 5s per foot respectively. The sum of £575 per foot was the highest offer for lot 4, and £600 for lots 5, 6, 7, or 8, mostly having frontages to Martin-place of 30ft., with a depth of 56ft. ¾in. to Martin-lane but the reserves not being reached the land was withdrawn for reference to the Government. The total proceeds of the sale of the three allotments was £79,650, being at the rate of nearly £843 per foot. Per superficial measurement the offer of £600 for the smaller lots is within £5 per foot frontage of that obtained for the more favoured block of three allotments with a joint frontage of 94ft. 6in. to Martin-place and of 78ft. ¾in. to George-street.

THE WEATHER.

YESTERDAY'S HEAVY THUNDERSTORM.

RAINFALL AT THE RATE OF FOUR INCHES PER HOUR.

A meteorological surprise awaited city people yesterday morning. It happened about the time when thousands of business folk are hurrying to office, shop, and store, with the result that they did not reach their destinations either as punctually as is their wont nor in as amiable a frame of mind as is normal to them. The fact was, as victims of circumstances beyond human control they were waterlogged in many instances, for a storm broke loose upon them and, without respect to persons, drenched them to the skin. This happened especially in the suburbs, where the unsuspecting pedestrian was out in the open making for the 'bus, tram, or train. While the city was wrapped in slumber the storm had been gathering its forces. An occasional flash of lightning in the north-east and just the faintest growl of thunder were the early warnings after midnight. Then there were a few scattered drops of rain, which intermittently grew to the importance of a light shower and diminished to zero. Skyward it was black as ink, the air was still and stuffy, and by 4 a.m. one could not fail to predict an early electrical disturbance. It was such a sky as would delight the heart of the backblocks settler. Nothing very much happened until a little before 9 o'clock. The display was a brief one, but no less awe-inspiring. The black cloud veil became cut into all manner of shapes by the dazzling lightning strokes, while the deafening peals of thunder responded as the cataract broke loose, and like a deluge fell upon the people. So violent became the stream that in a few minutes streets ran in flood. On the tramlines there was trouble with the overflow of gravel and loose metal deposited by the wash of the storm. In other respects such a downpour proved a blessing in the truest sense, cleansing the streets and the drains, washing out yards and back premises not too clean, and purifying the atmosphere.

In the country fifty or sixty stations had good rain, though in area it was limited to the Eastern Division of the colony. Along the northern islands over an inch fell at a few places, and on the northern coast half an inch, while inland in the Darling watershed country light showers fell in scattered places. Around the metropolis it rained, and out as far as Lithgow, and to the southward it was heavy, amounting to three inches at Milton. Nothing has fallen in the western, south-western, or central areas of the colony.

MR. RUSSELL'S REPORT.

Mr. Russell last night said of the storm: "The rain began in earnest at 10 minutes to 9 a.m. There had been a few light showers during the night, but the heavy part was at the time mentioned, and by 9 o'clock 79 points of rain were measured. It continued for half an hour, when 56 points were added. It was much heavier over on the northern side of the harbour out about Wahroonga, where Mr. Du Faur reported measuring 4½in as having fallen in an hour. The heaviest part of the fall here lasted for seven minutes. In that period it rained at a rate of 4in. per hour. There was very little wind. At 35 minutes past 8 a.m. the wind was easterly and suddenly chopped into W., and again in a few minutes to E. and N.E. Its highest velocity was 14 miles per hour."

BEGA, Wednesday.

Forty-eight points of rain fell last evening.

BERRY, Wednesday.

Splendid showers of rain, aggregating 64 points to 9 a.m., have fallen.

BOWRAL, Wednesday.

Splendid soaking rain fell last night and this morning; 173 points were registered up to 6 o'clock this evening.

CANDELO, Wednesday.

Fifteen points of rain were registered here up to this morning.

CASINO, Wednesday.

A very heavy storm swept over the town last night. The wind blew with hurricane force, and the illuminations by lightning were very vivid; 1·6 inch of rain was registered.

KEMPSEY, Wednesday.

Nice steady rain fell for two or three hours last night, and a few heavy showers to-day. It will do immense good.

KIAMA, Wednesday.

This town and district have been visited by a splendid fall of rain the last two days, aggregating 217 points, 189 of which fell last night. This timely fall has saved the crops from perishing.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday.

A thunderstorm, accompanied by heavy rain, occurred early this morning.

ROBERTSON, Wednesday.

Good soaking rain fell last night and to-day. Up to 7 o'clock this evening 160 points have been registered.

ST. MARYS, Wednesday.

One hundred and twenty points of rain fell here to-day.

TENTERFIELD, Wednesday.

A heavy storm occurred last night. Lightning struck a barn, which, together with a ton of hay, was destroyed.

PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.

GLEN INNES, Wednesday.

Stock passings to date:—650 mixed sheep, from Sommerville to Tenterfield, August Laura owner; 937 wethers, Newstead, Warialda, for Armidale, A. Ferguson; 2000 mixed sheep, Sumbou to Glen Innes, Thomas Ryans; 2370 mixed sheep, via Inglewood and Warialda, for Inverell, E. Whitehorses; 12 mixed sheep, Bogbera and Warialda, to Inverell, C. F. Ryan; 3050 mixed sheep, Baroua, Moree, to Inverell, Mrs. E. O'Neill; 2386 mixed sheep, Ten Corner, Walgett, for Inverell, A. Carragon. All the foregoing sheep are travelling for grass. 3086 mixed sheep, Inverell to Ranger's Valley, Campbell Brothers; 1000 mixed sheep, Woodstock to Mountain Home, Barraba, John Grills; 288 fat sheep, from Stonehenge, Glen Innes, to Flemington, G. M. Simpson; 105 fat lambs, from Stonehenge to Flemington, H. M'Donald; 400 wethers, Merita to Inverell, H. A. Fraser; 439 mixed sheep, Mount Mystery to F. Dadbury, H. Pilkington's; 3900 wethers, Curra-long, for Warraba, H. Marsh's; 4100 wethers, Oregon to Glengarry, J. B. Browning's; 12,000 ewes and wethers, Beaconsfield (Queensland) to Graham's Valley, George M'Lean's; 11 horses, from Texas to Glen Innes, C. Quayle; 580 store bullocks, Welltown to Ramornie, Tindall and Son; 283 heifers, Pikedale to Ramornie, Tindall and Son; 204 heifers, Ranger's Valley to Blair Hill, Campbell Brothers; 30 fat bullocks, Tenterfield to Flemington, Walker trustees.

THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

GENERAL BULLER'S RETIREMENT.

VAAL KRANTZ UNTENABLE.

IMPOSSIBLE TO ENTRENCH.

BIG GUNS DOMINATING THE POSITION.

THE FIGHTING AT KOODOESBERG.

HEAPS OF BOER DEAD.

THE SIEGE OF KIMBERLEY.

HEAVY DEATH-RATE.

OFFER OF TROOPS FROM CANADA.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

General Sir Redvers Buller reports that it was found impossible to entrench his troops at Vaal Krantz, which the British captured on the 5th, owing to the rocky nature of the ground.

It was not intended to advance by that route since it would have been impossible to hold the position securely owing to the Boer guns dominating it.

THE CONFLICT AT KOODOES BERG.

BRAVERY OF A N.S.W. OFFICER.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

Lieutenant G. J. Grieve, who accompanied the New South Wales infantry to South Africa as a special officer, and was attached to the Black Watch Regiment at Koodoes Berg, assisted to repair the breastworks of the redoubt under a heavy shell fire from the Boers.

A fragment of shell struck Lieutenant Grieve, but proved harmless. One of his assistants was killed and another was wounded.

[Lieutenant Gideon James Grieve is a native of Glasgow, where he was born in 1864. His love for military pursuits were early evinced, and at the age of 15 he was to be found in the ranks of the Midlothian Battery of Artillery, Midlothianshire, Scotland. Six years later he came to New South Wales, and immediately joined with a number of other Scotchmen in raising the Scottish Rifle Regiment. His capabilities were quickly recognised, and he was made instructor, with the rank of Sergeant-major. His ability and intrepidity brought him prominently under notice, but promotion waited till he gained his commission. In October, 1895, he passed as second, and a year later as first lieutenant. Then in August, 1897, he was transferred to the Permanent staff, and in the following month he was given the Adjutantcy of the 6th Regiment (Australian Rifles). Later he passed the examination for captain. When New South Wales was sending away the first contingent the authorities decided that the colony would gain by sending Lieutenant Grieve for special service, and he went to the war as a special service officer in company with such well-known local military men as Major Bayly, D.A.A.G., Major Bridges, R.A.A., and Captain H. N. Danger, R.A.A.]

REFUGEES SENT TO LORD METHUEN.

HEAVY BOER LOSSES.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

The Boers have sent 1400 refugees from Winterton and other places to Lord Methuen at Modder River.

The refugees report having passed heaps of Boer dead at Koodoes Berg. The Boer losses are estimated at 200 men.

HEAVY DEATH RATE AT KIMBERLEY.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

The death rate amongst the white residents at Kimberley amounts to 60 per thousand and that of natives to 138 per thousand. The mortality amongst infants is appalling.

IN NORTHERN CAPE COLONY.

WITHDRAWAL OF THE BRITISH TO RENSBURG.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

The British troops have withdrawn from Slingersfontein to Rensburg owing to their eastern flank being threatened.

MINTING OF BRITISH COINS AT PRETORIA.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

The Transvaal Government is minting British gold and silver coins at Pretoria, owing to the difficulty of passing the coins of the Republic bearing the impress of President Kruger.

TROOPS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

The "Times'" correspondent at Capetown recommends the despatch of 75,000 troops to South Africa.

Two thousand additional troops sailed from England yesterday for South Africa.

INCREASE IN THE BRITISH ARMY.

DECISION AGAINST THE MILITIA BALLOT.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

Lord Salisbury has decided against the revival of the militia ballot.

Ten thousand recruits have been enrolled in England since Christmas.

ADDITIONAL TORPEDOES ORDERED.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

Great Britain has placed a large order at Venice for Schwartzkopf torpedoes.

OFFER OF TROOPS FROM CANADA.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

The Canadian Government has offered the militia for service to take the place of the 1st Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians), stationed at Halifax, Nova Scotia, in order to release that regiment for service in South Africa.

THE SITUATION.

The Boers have sent 1400 refugees to Lord Methuen. Other refugees who managed safely to get into British territory at an earlier stage of the hostilities, have had some severe complaints to make in regard to their experiences. One prominent feature of this war has been the desperate efforts of British subjects to get away from the Transvaal and Orange Free State, as well as portions of British Bechuanaland, as soon as the fighting became imminent. The extent to which the country would be convulsed, and the interruption of business might in themselves be sufficient to account for a general desire to leave the country. But it is to be feared that other circumstances operated to cause so many people to seek refuge in Cape Colony. Thousands of British residents broke up their homes and arrived penniless at Durban and Capetown. Some had to leave British territory. The Boers do not always make fine points of distinction between non-combatants and combatants—those who are not with them are against them. If a resident wishes to avoid being commandeered he must leave the country. One of the present garrison at Kimberley had to choose between fighting for the Transvaal and being shot. He pluckily escaped. If half the stories of other refugees are true, the 1400 ought to be thankful for having safely reached Modder River.

These British subjects report that they passed heaps of the enemy's dead at Koodoes Berg, where it is now estimated the Boers lost 200. Only the Boers themselves can state with accuracy what their losses are; but they invariably understate them. One reason which has been assigned for this is that the Boers bury their dead without delay, and only those who are identified are acknowledged as having been killed. The Transvaal and Free State have not the disordered military arrangements which this explanation would imply. Their levies are divided into divisions; their districts (under commandants) into sub-districts (under field-cornets); and the burgher rolls are the most important of State documents. General Joubert could supply a list of killed and wounded on his own side as well as Lord Roberts could in regard to the British. We have seen one or two lists of the casualties of the enemy, but not of those suffered at important engagements.

Sir Redvers Buller has confirmed the statements previously made in regard to the retirement from Vaal Krantz—the character of the country was not suitable for an advance, which would have been dominated by the guns of the enemy. His position could not be "securely" held. The former retirement seems to have been the most regrettable. Then—provided always the correspondent's short reports are accurate—valuable strategic ground was abandoned. In the last instance in which General Buller retired he only gave up ground that was worse than useless.

The news received from Kimberley is serious. The death-rate amongst the white residents amounts to 60 per 1000, that of the natives to 138, and the mortality amongst infants is appalling. We know also that the siege of Ladysmith, which is under normal circumstances a very healthy town, has had the effect of largely increasing the death-rate there. Before hostilities broke out it was only 8·3 per 1000. The Kimberley relief column is about 20 miles away, and for two months no attempt at an advance has been made. Happily there are now many signs that the present state of affairs will not last much longer.

Slingersfontein, from which the British troops have been withdrawn, is eight miles east of Colesberg. They have had to resort to the headquarters at Rensburg, which is south of Colesberg. But reconnaissances both to the east and west will continue, and the harassing tactics which fulfil their present purpose will not be allowed to flag. The colonial troops were reported to have cleared the way to the bridge across the Orange River—a fine structure over a quarter of a mile in length, which cost £100,000. The Boers are making strenuous efforts to maintain possession of the bridge. So far Lieutenant-General French has not attempted to resolutely move towards it, although 15,000 men could be concentrated near Colesberg at very short notice. We may make many deductions from these circumstances, but it seems as if the British are not anxious just yet to clear the 7000 Boers out of the Colesberg district. They can do little further damage there.

The long period which must elapse before a nation can mobilise and equip an army, send it 7000 miles by ocean, and then provide it with land transport and provisions, is in remarkable contrast to the speed with which the mobilisation of the Boers takes place. The field cornets are the executive officers in getting the commandoes together. Each district has its own transport and equipment, which is always ready. To convey to the front a supply of biltong, mealies, and coffee would not constitute a very serious task for the British Army Service Corps. With the Boers it is still a simpler matter. The distribution of the transport arrangements over each commando seems to facilitate the work for the burghers. Hardly had war been declared by the Transvaal than the first and second levies on the burgher forces were completed, and strong commandoes swept across the drifts of the Buffalo, through Laing's Nek tunnel, Van Reenen's Pass, out west in the direction of Kimberley, and south into Cape Colony. Two months after that our generals were stuck up for want of transport. The burghers who are first commandeered range in age from 18 to 50 years. The last resort of the Boers—leaving out the engagement of foreign mercenaries—is to commandeer youths between 16 and 18 and men over 50. This has been done, we are informed. Within two or three months the whole resources of the Transvaal and Orange Free State have been placed under high tension. Their field force some time ago reached its highest possible strength, and Great Britain is only now beginning to tap her resources, the extent and vastness of which might seem to be a cause of embarrassment.

There were great fears in the public mind some time ago that the British artillery was not up to the standard in use on the Continent. The home press discussed the question with great vigour. The "Engineer" ought to be one of the best authorities which can be quoted upon the subject, and its opinion even at the present time ought to be interesting. That journal states that the British field gun has the same muzzle energy as that of Germany. The German projectile, being 1lb. heavier, would retain its velocity better, but not sufficiently to make much practical difference; indeed, our guns are sighted and have range tables up to 5300 yards, and the German apparently up to 5468 yards. As to the Russian and Austrian guns (the "Engineer" further states), the former would be far worse than ourselves in the matter of trajectory. The latter is an experimental gun. It has apparently a very high velocity—a velocity which would give a flat trajectory and long range, but probably could not be fired fast, because its recoil would be too violent. Range is not everything, nor is flat trajectory everything, seeing that in the opposite scale are speed of fire by controlled recoil and mobility and searching behind cover. The journal considers that the British field gun can "hold its own against any extant or likely to come in."

The complaint made in some quarters was more in regard to the fact that there was at the beginning of the campaign a lack of guns of position, for which the naval guns were a sort of substitute, inasmuch as they weighed 12cwt., as compared with 7cwt. for the field battery and 6cwt. for the horse artillery. Whether we were deficient at the beginning of the campaign in heavy artillery, the Commander-in-Chief does not appear to be handicapped in that respect now. We have 4in., 5in., and 6in. howitzers at the Modder and Tugela rivers; and it is certain that the War Office will supply Lord Roberts with artillery or any other arm of the service to the utmost extent of his demands.

SUPPLY OF PRODUCE.

The Premier yesterday received a message from the War Office asking that supplies of food of various kinds for the men and of produce for the horses be forwarded to South Africa by the two steamers which are calling here for the troops. Mr. Lyne at once communicated with the Board for Exports in Sydney, and forwarded a "price list" of the different commodities to London.

THE BUSHMEN'S CONTINGENT.

FORMING THE REGIMENT.

The military authorities are growing impatient because the two transports, the Atlantian and the Maplemore had not yet been sighted, at least up to yesterday, off Australia. But there need be no misgiving as to their arrival here in good time. They are not due until Saturday next, and it is not likely that they would come sufficiently close in shore to be observed by the lighthouse keepers. Shipping people see no reason to conclude merely from the fact that they have not yet been reported that they cannot arrive here at any hour. It is assumed that they will be practically ready, after taking in coal, to ship the contingent and get away in from three to four days after arrival. True it may be necessary to alter the stall allotment in order to accommodate all the horses which are to go from Australia, but that is a work which should not involve much delay. So far as the contingent is concerned there is no reason to assume that the date fixed for departure, February 24, will be advanced. The saddlery has been the biggest task to overtake, and it is confidently expected that the whole of it will be in camp by Saturday or Monday at the latest. It is stated, too, that kits and all else will be ready in good time.

Meanwhile the squadrons are being worked into shape, and both mounted and dismounted drill are pushed on almost unceasingly. One thing which is not being done, however, is to give the men plenty of rifle practice. For that important branch of training the Randwick site for the encampment was a fine assistance, because the men were next to the butts, and at any time when there was an hour to spare it could be put in profitably at the range. The march to and from the butts from the present camp absorbs about an hour; but, more inconvenient still, it takes officers, or non-coms., right out of touch with the headquarters. Notwithstanding these facts, however, it is obvious that practice at the butts is too valuable to be lost.

About 240 men were taken out on their horses over the sandhill country yesterday, and were sedulously drilled. The troop was under the general direction of Captain Robertson, R.M.L.I.; but for some part of the time the four sections operated under their individual commanders. Portion of "D" squadron was out for the second time, and Captain Baker tried them at reconnoitring work. They behaved splendidly as horsemen, but, like the bushmen that they are, they could not, being in company with others of the genus homo, avoid chatting. A casual remark in a stage whisper made near the crown of a hill up which you are creeping in order to peep at the enemy on the other side, may seem very agreeable, but could easily mean disaster as the result of discovery. All the officers are trying hard to impress on the men the truth of the proverb that "silence is golden," but the task is a hard one. "There is ringing in my ears," a subaltern said yesterday, "one verse of several which were written in satire of the silence of Australians, and I never valued it so much as I do now. It ran, 'Talk is the native's vital breath; the native's native air; he hopes to go to Heaven at death, and talk for ever there.' Bushmen is the most pronounced type of native in that respect." Of course, it is apparent that the bushmen do not yet feel the real seriousness and responsibility of their task, but that will all come right on the field of battle, and the men will be as silent as their officers desire.

There were 570 horses in camp yesterday, 540 of which belonged to the Bushmen's Contingent.

The third contingent must be included in any reference to the Kensington Camp. The body is now composed of 249 mounted men and 301 foot men, and the number may be increased at the will of volunteers so long as candidates desiring medical examination present themselves between 11 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. on any day. Yesterday several of the mounted section were tested by Colonel Airey as to their riding capability. Two hurdles were set up on a level stretch of sward near the lagoon, and rider after rider faced the sticks—or, to be more accurate, some literally "faced" them, and got no further. Some went over them with their horses, and some went over them horseless. The latter did not adopt that course as a matter of choice, because they were trying to please Colonel Airey, and they know well that the Colonel preferred the second style of progression, but the earth's attraction operated treacherously at the moment when the rider had forgotten all about his physics. Some of the horses bolted with their riders and scattered the crowd of spectators. Some who could not get their horses over the jumps blamed bad luck for having brought them on a "baulker." When the tests were made at Randwick complaints of this latter kind were frequently made and it was supposed to be common knowledge that many good riders were disqualified because they found themselves on a horse that would not jump. If yesterday's tests afforded any criterion of the past tests the complaint was ill-founded, and the truth was that the men could not ride. There was a case yesterday in which a horse positively declined to jump, though the man on it impressed one as a splendid horseman. Colonel Airey promptly called out to Lieutenant Green to give the man another horse. The other horse was given, and the man took him over the fences beautifully. But when a few minutes later another man came along with a "baulker" the Colonel placed a cypher against his name, signifying his disqualification. Some of the onlookers murmured, "That's rough," but a few minutes later a man who could ride took the same horse over easily. The Colonel could see by the previous man's style that no horse would trust itself to jump under him. There was another proof that one expert can see more than a host of laymen. One man was so positive that his horse and not himself was at fault that he was put upon another horse and allowed a second trial. The second horse, however, summed up its man in a trice, and by calmly standing still obtained a view of its would-be rider making a very vain attempt to stand on his head.

The rule that the public shall be admitted to the Kensington racecourse on payment of 6d, and special passholders on presentation of their passes, will be suspended to-day, because the club holds the weekly race meeting, which was postponed from yesterday so as to avoid clashing with the bushmen's race meeting.

Messrs. John Brush, Son, and Co., Limited, of George-street, have just completed 20 saddle equipments which they made to the order of three donors. Shortly after the inauguration of the contingent Mr. F. D. M'Master, of Cassilis, suggested that squatters and others should present saddle equipments, and for himself he promised five sets. Messrs. M'Master Brothers, of Bundella, liked the suggestion, and promised 10 sets, and Mr. J. M. Allison, of Coolah, followed with five sets. The orders were placed by the gentlemen named with Messrs. John Brush, Son, and Co., Limited, and that firm has manufactured 20 sets of saddlery which are a credit to local industry.

The committee of the Bush Contingent announces with regret that it is inadvisable to hold the race meeting offered by the Kensington Racing Club owing to the fact that the time between this and the departure of the contingent is so short.

Mr. S. A. Beehag, 77 Elizabeth-street, and Messrs. Hennessey, Harper, and Co., 30 Hunter-street, have donated a large quantity of magazines, books, periodicals, and reading matter for the use of members of the contingent.

The services of the band of the Scottish Rifles under Bandmaster Salter were yesterday secured for the Continental at the bushmen's camp to-morrow night. Messrs. Anthony Hordern and Sons have given 10,000 copies of the programme, and Messrs. W. H. Paling and Co. will provide piano and organ free of charge. A rehearsal of the men's chorus is announced to be held to-night at the Town Hall at 8 o'clock. The moderate charge and the novel surroundings of the entertainment should secure a large audience.

We have been requested to mention that the invitations issued by Lady Darley for the Bushmen's Race Meeting hold good for Friday.

The following is the subscription list to date:—

Amount previously acknowledged		£26,950 9 7½
Chief Justice Darley		10 10 0
Per Messrs. Cope and Co., 14 Castlereagh-street—		
H. D'Arcy Bucknell		1 1 0
N. C. Bucknell		1 1 0
Per Geo. Lee, Leeholme, Kelso—		
Chas. M'Philamy, Orton Park, Bathurst		10 10 0
Per Mayor of Newcastle—		
John S. Randlsud		1 1 0
John and Joseph Wood		21 0 0
Walter Bentley's "Bushman's Song" at Victoria Theatre		1 14 2
Collected by W. A. Gardiner, Gobolion, Wellington—		
James Gardiner		2 2 0
James Clifford		2 2 0
A. E. Anderson		1 0 0
Thomas and Rothers		0 10 0
W. Simms		1 1 0
J. P. Clifford		0 10 6
Thomas Crick		1 0 0
Fliengerah employees		8 8 0
Gobolion employees		5 0 0
G. E. Wise and Co.		5 5 0
Fong Lee and Co.		5 5 0
J. D. Brown		1 1 0
G. W. Brownhill		0 10 6
James Wells		0 10 0
J. T. P. Bassett		1 1 0
P. O'Shea		1 1 0
Martin Bros., Bodangara		5 0 0
Thomas Pound		1 1 0
R. A. Stace		0 10 6
Miss Priscilla Verne, "Absent-minded Beggar," February 13, 1900		1 3 4
Dr. C. B. Bygate		1 1 0
"Mumbil"		0 5 0
Per Edward Whitney, Nebea Station, Coonamble, and James Kidd, Esq.—		
J. A. Ibott		0 10 0
W. Nott		1 0 0
T. Kelly		0 10 0
J. Hiskey		1 1 0
Jack Cornish		0 10 0
H. L. Mackellar, Rathane, Audley		5 5 0
Forwarded anonymously		1 0 0
Amount collected at Criterion Theatre during the singing by Miss Noni Rickards of "A Cunning Sort of Bushy," February 13		9 7 5
David P. Dickson, Sydney		10 0 0
		£27,077 18 0½

WARREN, Wednesday.

A cheque for £58 17s 6d has been forwarded for the Bushmen's Contingent Fund.

MOLONG, Wednesday.

Mr. Lance N. Smith, of Boree Station, has donated five guineas to the Bushmen's Fund, and Mr. W. G. Glasson, of Davy's Plains, one guinea to the Patriotic Fund.

THE QUEENSLAND BUSHMEN'S CONTINGENT.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

A meeting of the Bushmen's Contingent committee was held yesterday. The secretary announced the fund amounted to £3597. A number of letters were read offering horses to the number of 33, and also several subscriptions. Mr. A. Crombie, Cameron Downs station, offered to provide two good men with two good horses, also a cheque for £50, if the men were accepted. The third contingent is now completed, with the exception of swearing-in. Nearly all supplies are in hand, with the exception of some saddlery. The men will probably be sworn in to-day. The remainder of the men now in camp are being tested in shooting in connection with the formation of the fourth contingent. It is considered probable the Government will secure the Duke of Portland as a transport for the third contingent.

Negotiations in regard to securing the steamer Duke of Portland as the transport for the third contingent have been suspended owing to the Premier of New South Wales having stated that probably there would be sufficient accommodation for the contingents from the different colonies aboard the Atlantian and Maplemore.

A storm, accompanied by heavy rain, occurred last night, making things uncomfortable for the volunteers in camp. The bedding, clothes, and personal belongings of nearly every volunteer were sodden by rain.

During the mounted parade one of the men Morris Mitchell, had one of his legs broken by a kick from a horse, and owing to last night's exposure to rain a number of slight cases of sickness are reported, five men being sent to the hospital. This brings the total number in the hospital to eight. Thirty fresh applications from men eager to volunteer for service in South Africa were received to-day. The total number of men in camp is now 412. Numbers who applied during the last week have been rejected. 412 horses are now in the lines.

Telegrams are still coming in daily from the country towns showing that the matter of collecting horses and money for the Bushmen's Contingent is being taken up with enthusiasm.

THE VICTORIAN BUSHMEN'S CONTINGENT.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Mr. Simon Fraser, M.L.C., has donated £1000 to the Bushmen's Contingent, and offered to give a similar cheque if another contingent is sent.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

When the Chief Secretary ascertained from the committee of the Bushmen's Corps that it was proposed to despatch 100 men and 125 horses he telegraphed to the Premier of New South Wales stating that South Australia required accommodation for that number, and asking to be advised if there was room on the transport, what steamer was going to be chartered, and what day it would leave.

The Bushmen's Corps was hard at work to-day putting the camp into shape. The selection committee passed the day in inspecting and buying mounts. They now have 75 fine useful animals in hand, and will have little difficulty in obtaining the balance of the 125 required. The Governor visited the camp to-day, and was particularly struck with the fine stamp of horses now in the lines.

THE NEW ZEALAND CONTINGENT.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

The Imperial authorities have not so far been able to arrange for a troopship to be sent for the remaining rough riders, but are still endeavouring to get one.

The Chinese residents of Wellington have contributed £35 to the Patriotic Fund.

THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

PERTH, Wednesday.

Candidates for the Bushmen's Corps are rushing for places. The military office is crowded with applicants day and night. The selection is proceeding.

THE TASMANIAN CORPS.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The Government is willing to increase the Tasmanian Bushmen's Corps from 25 to 50, providing public subscriptions are sufficient to cover fully the cost of equipment and transit. The request comes from northern residents, and the matter really rests on their ideas of liberality.

THE PATRIOTIC FUND.

The hon. treasurers, Messrs. J. Russell French and T. A. Dibbs, advise:—

Amount previously advised		£19,478 6 7
Liverpool Branch Patriotic Fund, per C. M'Clure, Hoxton Park—		
Lady Collectors	£15 9 0	
Saturday Collection, Lady Collectors	7 1 1	
Saturday Collection, Asylum	1 5 1	
Collected by Marjorie Heap	0 13 0	
Collected Lecture "Brian-Boru War"	0 17 6	
J. E. Wilson	1 1 0	
C. M'Clure	1 1 0	
Employees C. M'Clure	1 14 0	
R. A. de Cerjat	1 0 0	
W. A. Thompson	1 0 0	
C. H. Linklater	1 1 0	
H. O. Cloke	0 10 0	
N. G. Bell	0 10 0	
J. N. Freeman	0 10 6	
Nurse Foster	0 10 0	
Nurse Medcalf	0 10 0	
Wm. Ellis	0 10 0	
Chas. Bishop	0 10 0	
Sums under 10s	3 7 0	
		£39 2 11
Lithgow Branch Patriotic Fund (second instalment)—		
Joseph Cook, M.L.A.	£2 0 0	
Working Men's Club	10 0 0	
Joseph Jones	0 10 0	
Singing of "Absent-minded Beggar" by Mr. Clay	1 13 3	
		£14 3 3
Proceeds of concert and social held at Merimbula		10 0 0
Collection St. Stephen's Church, Hargraves		1 12 9
Vivian's "Sunday Times" Children's Penny Patriotic Fund (sixth week)		46 0 1
A. R. Douglas, Hamilton, England, per R. M. Fitzgerald		25 0 0
Howes and Howes		2 2 0
Employees Howes and Howes		1 2 9
Per Commercial Bank, Murrumburrah—		
Thomas Allsopp	1 1 0	
John A. Foley	1 1 0	
Regd. Utter	1 1 0	
T. and G. Barnes	1 1 0	
John Gown	1 1 0	
John Bourne	1 0 0	
Richard Macansh, 10s 6d; C. N. Russell, 10s 6d; G. C. K. Gregson, 10s 6d; R. J. Ross Edwards, 10s 6d; Alfred Bembrick, 10s 6d	2 12 6	
J. R. Sewell, 10s; F. S. Mitchell, 10s	1 0 0	
Sums under 10s	3 19 6	
Churchwardens St. Paul's Church	2 17 1	
1st Australian Horse, result of Camp Fire, January 1, 1900	16 6 0	
	33 0 1	
Less expenses	0 5 0	
		32 15 1
A Lady, per A. W. Anderson		0 10 0
Amount of offertory at 11 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. services at St. John's Church, Sunday, 11th instant, appointed for intercession for troops in South Africa		41 6 7
Australian Gaslight Company, Ashfield Branch		4 16 0
"Absent-minded Beggar," by Miss Dorothy Vane at Her Majesty's, 13th instant		5 12 0
Drake Branch Patriotic Fund (first instalment)—		
S. Woodworth	1 11 6	
Mrs. T. B. Wells	1 1 0	
Mrs. J. P. Curran	1 1 0	
E. R. Davies	1 1 0	
Drake Masonic Club	1 1 0	
J. Nicholson	1 1 0	
A. W. Taylor	1 1 0	
G. J. Rivers	1 1 0	
Mrs. E. J. Rivers	1 1 0	
H. Wann	1 1 0	
L. Guntlack	1 1 0	
J. Allison	1 1 0	
B. R. Smith	1 0 0	
W. Kinson	1 0 0	
G. Gurney, 10s 6d; A. Withers, 10s 6d; Mrs. G. Smith, 10s 6d; B. B. Clarke, 10s 6d	2 2 0	
T. Tubman, 10s; E. Ware, 10s; T. Parsons, 10s; T. Lawrence, 10s	2 0 0	
Sums under 10s	1 7 9	
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Per Rev. D. Murphy—		
Collection during recital of "Absent-minded Beggar" by Miss Dengate	1 11 0	
Part offertory at intercession services, 11th instant, at St. Stephen's, Willoughby	1 10 9	
Rev. D. Murphy	1 1 0	
		4 2 9
Rosedale Patriotic Fund Shilling Subscription		5 0 0
Employees J. Wright, Sussex-street		1 12 0
Marjorie Owens		1 12 6
Weekly subscription employees A. J. Selig and Co.		1 5 0
Cabmen of Macquarie-street rank		5 2 0
T. Daley and employees Standard Brick Works		8 0 6
Employees J. C. Ludowici and Son		5 11 5
Sale of flower buttonholes by Mrs. Stewart		0 6 0
E. Ross Fairfax, London, per Pratt and Pratt, accountants, Sydney		1,000 0 0
J. Mackenzie Fairfax, London, per Pratt and Pratt, accountants, Sydney		100 0 0
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PATRIOTIC SPORTS CARNIVAL.

There is a very large entry for the above sports. Mr. Harry Stockdale, the well-known explorer, will give an exhibition during the afternoon of spear and boomerang throwing. The booths and privileges were auctioned yesterday and brought good figures. The executive and ladies' committee meet this morning.

LADIES' BRANCH OF THE GLEBE PATRIOTIC FUND.

The ladies of the Glebe, who have charge of a branch of the Patriotic Fund, organised a moonlight excursion on Tuesday evening for the purpose of assisting the movement. A committee, of which Miss A. M'Neill is the hon. secretary and Mrs. Jonson hon. treasurer, had charge of the arrangements, which were carried out in a successful manner. The steamer Bronzewing, with over 160 passengers on board, left the Glebe Point wharf at 7.30 and steamed round to King-street, where the number on board was increased considerably. The steamer's course was then shaped for Rose Bay and other parts of the harbour, and afterwards the Lane Cove River and surrounding districts were visited. The trip proved most enjoyable. Music was supplied by the band of the National Guards Regiment, while refreshments were dispensed by the ladies. Glebe Point was reached at 10.30 o'clock.

COONAMBLE, Wednesday.

The first instalment of the Patriotic Fund, £108 4s 11d, has been forwarded to the head branch. The net proceeds of the late patriotic concert were £58.

COWRA, Wednesday.

At a public meeting yesterday, a Patriotic League was formed. A considerable sum was subscribed. A committee was appointed to canvas the district for subscriptions.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The new elected Mayor of Newcastle, Alderman Miller, has to-day donated five guineas to the Patriotic Fund. The local collections now total £740. The amount subscribed locally on behalf of the Bushmen's Contingent Fund is £23 15s 2d.

PAMBULA, Wednesday.

A well-attended meeting was held in the School of Arts yesterday to consider the best method of raising money to assist the Patriotic Fund. Dr. G. W. Morgan presided. It was decided to hold an entertainment and ball at an early date. A strong committee was formed.

MELBOURNE PATRIOTIC RACE MEETING.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A special race meeting, arranged by the V.R.C. with the object of swelling the amount to the credit of the Patriotic Fund, was held at Flemington this afternoon in very pleasant weather. A programme of five events was prepared, and the first race was timed for half-past 2, and it was expected there would be a considerable attendance, but in this respect the V.R.C. suffered some disappointment. Such liberal cheques, however, have been handed in to the V.R.C. fund, and so many opportunities for contributing to this were brought under the notice of visitors to Flemington, that the net result of the meeting is likely to be substantial. Details are:—

Empire Hurdle Race of 100 sovs., 3 miles.—Mr. Frew's Signal, 9st 10lb (A. Williams), 1; Mr. Faunt's Ingeegoodbie, 10st 9lb (Faunt), 2; Mr. Philipps's Thargo, 9st (M'Nally), 3. Other starters: Fairlight, 11st 7lb (M'Gowan); Burrabarri, 10st 2lb (Howie); Clamorous, 9st 12lb (Curtin); Mulera, 9st (M'Dougall); Kingdom 9st (Cannon). Betting: 2 to 1 v. Fairlight, 3 to 1 v. Ingeegoodbie, 6 to 1 v. Signal, 10 to 1 v. others. Signal went off with the lead, and led out of the straight along the back from Clamorous, Mulera, Ingeegoodbie, Thargo, and Fairlight. The positions were not materially altered until reaching the sheds, where Ingeegoodbie passed Signal. The latter, however, came again in the straight, and after an interesting struggle won by a length and a quarter, Thargo eight lengths off third, Fairlight and Clamorous next, with Kingdom last. Burrabarri ran off at the bridge. Time, 3 utes 59 seconds.

Army Handicap of 100 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. Leek's Veloce, by Velocipede—Aria, 8st 6lb (Leek), 1; Mr. Williams's Neva, 8st 3lb (Kennedy), 2; Mr. J. Wilson's Tramp, 7st 4lb (V. Turner), 3. Other starters: Symmetry 9st (Morrison); Promontory, 8st 2lb (Walker); Cardamon, 7st 13lb (Lewis); Malva, 7st 12lb (Carson); Landscape, 7st 5lb (Ebstein); Vendys, 7st (Goldie); Scornful, 8st 13lb (Richardson); Gallina, 6st 7lb (Ross); Turban, 6st 7lb (Sutherland). Betting: 5 to 2 v. Veloce, 3 to 1 v. Symmetry, 8 to 1 v. Landscape, 10 to 1 v. Neva. The favourite led from the start to finish, and won easily by two lengths from Neva, who beat Tramp by a length and a half for second place, Landscape, Gallina, Vendys, and Symmetry being next, with Turban last. Time, 1 minute 15 seconds.

Loyalty Handicap of 100 sovs., 1 mile.—Mr. Wallace's Model, by Carbine—Paisana, 7st 10lb (Ebenstein), 1; Mr. Davis's Bay Rose, 7st 1lb (E. Turner), 2; Mr. W. H. C. Wilson's Wait-a-Bit 9st 3lb (Finlay), 3. Other starters: Scorn, 8st (Burn); Drama 7st 12lb (Kuhn); Egypt, 7st 10lb (Fisher); Waterloo, 7st 4lb (Want); Argonaut, 7st 2lb (Deeble); Surge, 7st 1lb (Ross), Alix, 6st 12lb (Turner); Carlotus, 6st 7lb (Minter); Spangle, 6st 7lb (Dunford). Betting: 9 to 2 v. Drama, 5 to 1 v. Model, 6 to 1 v. Wait-a-Bit, 8 to 1 each v. Bay Rose and Surge, 10 to 1 each v. Alix and Carlotus, 12 to 1 each v. Scorn and any other. Drama went off with the lead, and showed the way along the back to Wait-a-Bit, Spangle, Carlotus, and Argonaut. Carlotus joined Drama at the abattoirs, and the pair made joint running round the turn from Argonaut, Alix, Bay Rose, Model, and Wait-a-Bit. Drama was the first into the straight, but at the distance Model came to the front, and eventually won easily by a length and a quarter from Bay Rose, who led Wait-a-Bit by a long neck. Scorn was fourth, Surge, Egypt, Alix, and Drama next, with Waterloo last. Time, 1 minute 42½ seconds.

Patriotic Steeplechase of 100 sovs, 2 miles.—Mrs. Longden's Homer, by Mercury—Native Cat, 10st (T. Williamson), 1; Mr. James's Rosebud, 9st (H. Johnson), 2. Betting: 5 to 2 on Homer. Won by two lengths and a half. Time, 4 minutes 14½ seconds.

Britannia Handicap of 100 sovs., 7 furlongs.—Mr. J. M. Roberts's Keyless, by Padlock—Deepwater, 7st 4lb (W. Burn), 1; Mr. H. Roberts's Zoe, 7st 12lb (L. Want), 2; Mrs. Warke's Altairs, 7st 4lb (S. O. Thomas), 3. Other starters: Caledonia, 8st 10lb (F. Kuhn); Auric, 7st 8lb (Anwin); Tramp, 8st 7lb (V. Turner); Eugene, 7st 1lb (Minter); Alabaculia, 7st (W. Ross); and Borromeo, 6st 7lb (Ebenstein). Betting: 7 to 2 v. Eugene, 5 to 1 v. Caledonia, 6 to 1 each v. Zoe and Alabaculia, 7 to 1 each v. Keyless, Altairs, and Tramp. Keyless led all the way and won by a length and a half from Zoe, who came fast at the finish. Altairs was two lengths away third, Caledonia fourth, and Borromeo and Alabaculia next, with Auric last. Time, 1 minute 28½ seconds.

VICTORIAN PATRIOTIC FUNDS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The profits from the V.R.C. Patriotic Meeting at Flemington to-day, inclusive of cheques donated by members and supporters of the V.R.C., amount to upwards of £1600. This includes a cheque for £100 handed in this evening by Mr. W. R. Wilson. The money will be divided equally between the Empire War Fund and the Bushmen's Contingent Fund.

A GIFT OF 1000 HORSES.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The officers of the Stock Department are at present inspecting a mob of 1000 horses, which have been purchased by Mr. A. J. Cotton, on behalf of an anonymous person, for presentation to the Imperial authorities. The horses will be shipped from Gladstone on the 17th, by the Fatima.

DEMONSTRATION AT MAITLAND.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

A farewell demonstration was tendered to Captain Charles Nicholson, Trooper King, and Trumpeter Rupert Peek to-night. A torchlight procession marched from the Church-street railway station to the Town Hall, and consisted of the Maitland Half-squadron New South Wales Lancers, B Company 4th Regiment Scottish Rifles, 4th Regiment Band, East and West Maitland Water Brigades, and East Maitland Fire Brigade. The streets were thronged with spectators. A patriotic concert was held in the Town Hall, at which over 1000 people were present. The officers in attendance were—Lieutenant-Colonel Rancland, Colonel Wilkinson, Majors W. Cracknell, W. Sloan, J. Nash, Captains J. W. Scobie, W. Markwell, J. Paton, N. Grant, Lieutenants Newton, M'Lean, Nash, and Thompson. During the concert Colonel Wilkinson, on behalf of the people of the district, presented Captain Nicholson with a pair of military field-glasses. Captain Markwell, on behalf of the Lancers, presented him with a military bracelet-watch and compass. Colonel Wilkinson handed Trooper King and Trumpeter Peek a gold medal each. Young Peek was also presented with a silver Waltham watch and with a silver match-box by the pupils of the Superior Public school, of which he was a pupil. Addresses were delivered by Mr. John Gillies, Rev. Arthur Killworth, Lieutenant-Colonel Rancland, and Captain Nicholson. The volunteers were escorted to the railway station by the Military Forces Brigades Band, and by the townspeople singing patriotic songs. Young Peek was carried on the shoulders of two civilians. The demonstration was a wonderful outburst of patriotic feeling and loyalty to the Empire. It was the largest ever held in the district.

INTERCESSORY SERVICES.

BERRY, Wednesday.

A united service was held on Sunday night and was largely attended. The Rev. J. Robson (Wesleyan) and the Rev. Mr. M'Lennan (Presbyterian) conducted. The collection was for the Patriotic Fund.

MUSWELLBROOK, Wednesday.

An intercessory service was held in St. Alban's Church on Sunday night. A patriotic sermon was preached by Ven. Archdeacon White. Discourses were made by the Revs. Dr. Laing at the Presbyterian Church, and by the Rev. W. Brown at the Wesleyan Church. A united service was held in the Masonic Hall, where a collection was made in aid of the Patriotic Fund.

THE VOYAGE OF THE KENT.

The following letter was received by Captain Praske, of the steamer Kent, which was handed to him by the officers and men of the New South Wales contingent on their disembarkation:—

"Capetown, South Africa, December 1, 1899.

"To Captain Praske, transport Kent. Dear Sir,—On leaving the transport Kent, we desire to record our great appreciation of the trouble you have taken to make our voyage a successful one. If it had not been for your careful seamanship and the sea-going qualities of the Kent, we should certainly have lost several horses on this long voyage; as it is, we are

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landing with an insignificant loss, and with every man on board fit and well. This pleasing result is largely due to your unceasing watchfulness over the interests committed to your charge. The officers and crew of the ship have also done all in their power to assist us in every way. We hope to be able to forward you some photographs as a souvenir of our voyage, and we trust sincerely that our return journey may be made with you and your present staff of officers.

"We are, sir, yours truly (signed)

"George L. Lee, Major, O.C. Troops; W. D. Williams, Colonel, P.M.O., O.C. A.M. Corps; T. H. Fiaschi, Major, A.M.C.; Reuter Roth, Captain, A.M.C.; Terence A. Green, Captain, A.M.C.; A. E. Perkins, Captain, A.M.C.; G. H. Allen, Lieutenant, Lancers; Frank Melhuish, Vet., Lieutenant; Thomas M. Martin, Lieutenant, A.M.C.; Fyshe Palmer Roberts, Lieutenant, Lancers; R. M. Heron, Lieutenant, Lancers; A. B. Paterson, correspondent 'S. M. Herald.'"

VOLUNTEER DEFENCE MOVEMENT.

GREAT MEETING IN BRISBANE.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The Centennial Hall was crowded in every part to-night in connection with the Citizens' Volunteer Defence Movement. Above the stage were festooned Union Jacks entwined with the Stars and Stripes, while conspicuous in the hall were emblems of Australia and Great Britain. The Volunteer Band and the Scottish Pipers were present, having previously paraded through Queen-street. The platform was occupied by a number of prominent public men and citizens, including the Premier, the Hon. A. J. Thynne, the Mayor, a number of aldermen and Ms.L.A., several prominent ministers of religion, and others. The speeches made were patriotic. The audience manifested great enthusiasm. The following resolutions were carried:—1. "That in the opinion of this meeting it has become necessary to largely extend the advantages of military training amongst the men of Queensland, and while endorsing the commendable action of the Government in connection with the offer of troops for South Africa and the despatch of several contingents there, this meeting is further of opinion that it now becomes the duty of all those within the reach of military instruction to perfect themselves in one of the chief duties of citizenship, that of the effective defence of their freedom and of their country." 2. "That this meeting considers that every able-bodied man in the colony should be fit to take part in the defence of his country, and urges upon the citizens in the chief centres of population in the colony the advisability of organising volunteer and cadet corps in order to afford the citizens an opportunity of obtaining the necessary militia training." 3. "That it is undeniable that any delay should take place in providing for the military training of our people and in making additional provision for the defence of Australia, and that the Government be requested to collect information which may enable the Federal Government, when established, to proceed towards creating an Australian citizens' soldiery on the lines of the Swiss or other most approved systems, and founding a suitable arms and ammunition factory in Australia."

THE LANCERS CONTINGENT.

The men of the fourth contingent of New South Wales Lancers who leave for South Africa by the Australasian to-morrow were taken out to the Randwick Range yesterday. The non-commissioned officer in charge of the shooting has reported that the results were highly satisfactory.

RAYMOND TERRACE, Wednesday.

A Lancers corps is being formed here. The matter is being taken up warmly.

A SHIPMENT OF HORSES.

Messrs. Houlder Brothers and Co., Limited, have received advice from their head office in London that their steamer Royston Grange arrived at Capetown on January 11, from the River Plate, under charter to the Imperial Government, having on board 678 remount horses. Not a single animal was lost on the passage across.

BALMAIN VOLUNTEERS.

At a special meeting of the Balmain Social and Amusement Society, held on Tuesday night, presided over by Mr. C. Mitchelmore, a committee, consisting of Messrs. S. Keating, H. Pratt, W. M'Callum, Mahony, G. Sandon, Venables, C. Mitchelmore, J. Ainsworth, L. Green, W. Small, J. Scifleet, and J. Keating, was appointed to arrange and carry out a public demonstration as a send-off to the Rev. James Green, Messrs. A. F. Fitzhardinge, J. Wrenford, J. Mooney, and J. Mathews, residents of Balmain, who are proceeding to the front in South Africa. A collection will be taken up in aid of the New South Wales Patriotic and Bushmen's Contingent funds. The demonstration is to take the form of a concert, under the patronage of the members for the district and the Mayor and aldermen.

MAKING SMOKELESS GUNS VISIBLE.

A further test was yesterday made of a device intended by Messrs. Fairfax and Roberts to render visible to one combatant force the smoke from the guns of their enemy. The idea, which is the invention of the firm, is to superimpose an attachment on field glasses which would counteract the apparent invisibility of the fumes from smokeless powder. The test was made at Randwick Range, and although the dulness of the day militated against complete success, yet the trial convinced the inventors that the device will be a complete success.

THE COST OF TRANSPORTS.

On the 10th of last month, according to "Fairplay," over 1,000,000 tons of shipping had been chartered by the Government in connection with the war. Those interested in such matters may form a rough idea of the cost by assuming that the vessels are chartered at an average probably of not less than 20s per ton per month; in other words, a charge of over a million sterling per month is being incurred during the time of their engagement, and this, of course, is quite independent of the large sums paid for carriage of soldiers or stores by vessels of the Castle, Union, and other lines in the course of their current voyages, and not under charter to the Government. For some of the finer class of transports upwards of 30s, and in one instance as much as 35s per ton per month has been paid.

ADDITIONAL TROOPSHIPS.

The following further vessels have been taken up by the Admiralty in connection with the Transvaal war, bringing the total up to 218 vessels and 1,185,364 tons gross:—

Milwaukee, s., Elder, Dempster, and Co., 7317 tons gross.
Magician, s., T. and J. Harrison, 5065 tons gross.
City of Rome, s., Anchor Line, 8453 tons gross.
Manhattan, s., National Steamship Company, 8004 tons gross.
Matin, s., R. A. Mudie and Sons, 5838 tons gross.
Carinthia, s., Cunard Line, 5598 tons gross.
Iona, s., W. Thomson and Sons, 3344 tons gross.
Fazilka, s., British India S. N. Company, 4152 tons gross.
Lindula, s., British India S. N. Company, 3346 tons gross.
Uriana, s., British India S. N. Company, 5252 tons gross.
Uganda, s., British India S. N. Company, 5366 tons gross.
Muttra, s., British India S. N. Company, 4644 tons gross.
Lawada, s., British India S. N. Company, 3269 tons gross.
Pundua, s., British India S. N. Company, 3305 tons gross.
Umta, s., British India S. N. Company, 5366 tons gross.
Ujina, s., British India S. N. Company, 5310 tons gross.

THE DISASTER TO A PATROL.

N.S.W. LANCERS AND AUSTRALIAN HORSE.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The following was received by the steamer Salamis, which arrived from the Cape yesterday:—

RENSBURG MILITARY CAMP, Jan. 22.

The details of the disaster to the patrol of 22 men on the 17th instant, consisting of a party of New South Wales Lancers and Australian Light Horse, are singularly meagre, probably owing to the fact that only a few men of the party escaped. It appears that before daylight on the 17th Lieutenant Dowling left Slingersfontein camp with warrant-officers and 19 men of the New South Wales Lancers and Australian Horse on a reconnaissance in the direction of Norval's Pont. All were in high spirits, and proceeded in a south-easterly direction, subsequently dividing into two parties, one under Lieutenant Dowling and the other under an officer whose name has not transpired. The latter was accompanied by Mr. Spooner, the war correspondent for a Sydney evening journal. This party turned to the right and the former to the left. It should be here explained that Slingersfontein camp is situated 8 miles east of Colesberg, and forms an open wedge pushed into country which was known to be occupied by the enemy. Consequently it was doubly necessary to be specially on the alert when patrolling in the neighbourhood. There is only too much reason to fear that the disaster was due to some neglect in this respect. All went well for a time, one of the parties, the smaller one, penetrating as far as Vorster's farm, seven miles from camp. The inhabitants there spoke the Dutch language only, and assumed an unfriendly attitude. The men were returning when suddenly a party of Boers, estimated at 50 or 60 in number, were observed creeping over the plain towards the kopjes a mile or two from the farm. The patrol thereupon retired, and immediately after Lieutenant Dowling and his party appeared on the scene. Some of the Boers at once opened fire, whilst the others took up a position with the object of intercepting the retreat. The Australians made an attempt to reach a certain hill, where they proposed to take refuge, but they found this also occupied by the enemy, so they attempted to effect a retirement in skirmishing order.

All accounts state that they made a gallant but ineffectual stand, and it is certain they did everything they could. The enemy fired volley after volley and were in overpowering force. Of the total of 22 six only reached camp, 14 falling into the hands of the enemy, while two were killed—namely, Sergeant-major Griffin, of the 1st Australian Horse, and Corporal Kilpatrick, of the Lancers, the latter of whom died next day. The captured are—Lieutenant Dowling, Corporal Wilson, Wearne, R. Lynn, all Australian Horse; Ford, A. Daly, O. V. Taylor, J. A. Robertz, R. M. Johnston, G. L. Whittington, Sergeant-major Macdonald, Warrant-officer Fisher, and Melville, all Lancers. The names of the six returned are—Warrant-officer G. L. Duncan, troopers Buchholtz, E. Thomas, H. Artlett, H. Thomas, and W. Brady. It is not known whether any of the prisoners are wounded, but it is reported that Roberts was wounded in the arm. Artlett was the first to reach camp on a wounded horse, which died shortly after. Buchholtz's horse was killed. Lieutenant Dowling took him up behind him, but while escaping Lieutenant Dowling's horse was shot under him, and both fell to the ground. Buchholtz, being partially stunned, lay quite still and fortunately was not observed by the Boers, though they walked completely round him. Artlett says Lieutenant Dowling behaved splendidly, that both fell to the ground with a crash, he (Artlett) hiding in a kopje when he regained consciousness. Lieutenant Dowling meanwhile had been taken prisoner. Brady was rescued by a patrol sent out next day from Slingersfontein Camp. This patrol found four Boer horses, five horses belonging to the Lancers and two to the Australian Horse, lying dead on the field close to the body of Corporal Kilpatrick, thus testifying to the severity of the short but unfortunate encounter. Kilpatrick had only seven cartridges left in his bandolier.

The Lancers and the Australian Horse have now been removed to Naauwpoort, the base of the column, so that it is a very difficult matter to secure minute details. It appears, however, that two of the scouts were riding ahead at the time of the attack, but neither of these was fired on, consequently the others followed; but no mention is made of scouts being sent out on the flanks. No concern need be felt about the captured men, as all accounts coincide that the prisoners are being well treated. On the day following the disaster a strong patrol of Carbineers reconnoitred the enemy's position, and found that their long-range guns were protected by a strong embrasure commanding a wide angle fire.

(The above appeared in our second edition yesterday.)

THE ASSAULT ON LADYSMITH.

SOME STUBBORN FIGHTING.

THE BOERS REPULSED.

DRIVEN BACK AT THE BAYONET POINT.

SPLENDID WORK BY THE HIGHLANDERS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The Salamis arrived this evening from the Cape, bringing files to January 25.

The Natal "Witness" of January 20 contains a graphic account of the attempt made by the Boers on January 6 to carry Ladysmith by assault. The report states that Saturday morning, January 6, saw the first important break in the monotony of siege life since the capture of the Boer guns on Lombard's Kop and Surprise Hill. At about 4 in the morning a brisk rifle fire and the boom of big guns disturbed our rest. During the night a party of about 4500 Boers made an attack on our picket at Cæsar's Camp Hill, just over the river at the bottom of the town. Our men were driven back by superior numbers, contesting every inch of the ground. The Boer front extended from Waggon Hill around to the flats on the near side of Cæsar's Camp, and their advance was supported by their big guns on Umbulwana. Very fortunately the squadron of I. L. Horse had been assisting in some alterations at Waggon Hill, and speedily went to the assistance of our picket. The Boers had forced their way into our lines and were close upon our howitzer when the I.L.H. made a dashing charge and drove them back. Our forces very quickly mobilised, and in a very short space of time the firing became heavy. Our naval guns and artillery shelled the enemy beautifully all along the ridge of Cæsar's Camp, and drove them back slowly and surely to where the Gordons were lying in wait for them. The Highlanders were fortunate in the extreme, and got among them with the bayonet, doing some splendid execution. Maxim and Nordenfeldt guns speedily added to the terrific din. Our artillery, which had been brought into action at a distance of about 500 yards from the town, had a very hot time from the Umbulwana guns, although fortunately the casualties were extremely few. Gradually the Boers were driven into a somewhat limited space at the end of Cæsar's Camp Hill and the fighting grew hotter than ever, our artillery being advanced as the enemy retired and doing good work. Contrary to expectation, the enemy contested the ground with the utmost determination and dogged obstinacy and courage not usually associated with the Boer nature. But, in spite of their most stubborn efforts, they had to give ground, although they made a capital fight for it. Towards midday the firing slackened all along the line, and for a time things were quieter. Our men so manœuvred that early in the afternoon the Boers were driven into a piece of donga-torn country whence they could not retire without exposing themselves tremendously. The Gordons, Manchesters, and Rifle Brigade, which had by this time come into action, were waiting at a distance of about 80 yards to receive the enemy with shot or bayonet, as circumstance might dictate, while the Dragoons and Hussars had been thrown further into the field among thorn country, ready to swoop down should any attempt at retreat be made. While the Boers were in this predicament, the most terrific rain and hail storm we have had this season broke over the scene of the strife, and their position in the dongas must have been anything but enviable. To add to their discomfort one of our batteries of artillery had been moved into position commanding the dongas, and shell after shell was dropped with admirable precision right among them. In addition to this the rain was so heavy that the actual and moral support of the Umbulwana guns could no longer be given them, and their plight became truly pitiable, if pity can indeed be felt for one's enemy.

Having in this way cornered the enemy, our men kept potting away as fast as opportunity offered, and our artillery kept pounding them with shells at a pace to marvel at. At about 5 o'clock the rain descended so fast that very little fighting was possible, although a scattered and irregular rifle fire was kept up all through the night. At a quarter to 6 the rain cleared off and the fight was renewed with great vigour all through the evening, until darkness rendered further firing a matter of random. Chance firing was continued, and our men were still awaiting the issue of the enemy from their unhappy position. Unfortunately our casualties were heavy, although we had comparatively few killed. The Imperial Light Horse are the heaviest sufferers, Colonel Edwards, Major "Karri" Davis, and several other officers being among the wounded. Lord Ava, attached to the staff, was also mortally wounded, being shot through the head. Colonel Dick-Cunyngham, of the Gordons, who had recovered from his Elandslaagte wound, was shot by a stray bullet as he was standing on the road bridge at the bottom of the town preparing to take his men into action.

Late in the evening another battery of artillery and Carbineers were sent out to the scene of the fight. While this fight was proceeding at Cæsar's Camp the Boers were trying to force their way into the town from the north. Here they were opposed by the Gloucesters, Leicesters, and Liverpools, and driven back twice with very little difficulty. The fight then degenerated into potting at long ranges. At a quarter to 8 the fight at Cæsar's Camp was still raging, although in a much modified form. The Boers and our men will be in the pleasant predicament of bivouacking within a few yards of each other in the darkness all night.

Sunday Morning, January 7.

As darkness fell last night the Boers retired in a direct line with the neutral camp, thus rendering it impossible for our men to fire in that direction, so they escaped with fewer casualties than would otherwise have occurred. Our forces remained in possession of the position for which such a determined struggle had been made. During the fight the Gordons, under the leadership of General Ian Hamilton, made a couple of splendid bayonet charges on Waggon Hill, which had a tremendous effect on the enemy. At Cæsar's Camp a company of Manchesters was outwitted by the enemy through the use of the white flag. A party of Boers climbed to the summit of a hill under the white flag, and, of course, our men did not fire.

No sooner was the crest gained than the enemy poured in a withering fire, inflicting heavy loss on the Manchesters. The captain of the company and several men were taken prisoners, and remained in that trying predicament until Captain Carnegie with the G company of Gordons rushed to the rescue and drove off the enemy with great loss. The Border Mounted Rifles also came in for some swindling, a party of Boers shouting out to them not to fire, as they belonged to the town guard. The Border Mounted Rifles unfortunately did not see the mistake until too late, a rattling volley being sent among them.

The battlefield this morning presents a dreary spectacle, although all the wounded had been removed. Dead Boers are lying shoulder to shoulder with dead Englishmen. The dead are being brought into town for burial. The Boers have not yet sent to remove their dead and wounded, but it is expected they will soon do so. One of the artillerymen who had his left knee blown away and his left arm mangled remarked as he was being taken to the hospital that they had "managed to scratch him a bit this time." All the wounded are very cheerful, and the majority will pull through all right. On Waggon Hill alone the Boer loss may be estimated at 150 killed and severely wounded. The fight all through was one of the most stubborn of the campaign, the fighting practically going on without cessation from 1 in the morning until 8 in the evening, 19 hours on a stretch. The attack was supposed to be made by the Boers, who have retreated before Buller from Colenso. Among the dead were some local Boers. The leader, who was shot, carried a German flag. Some of the captured rifles were of Westley-Richards make. Bullets of the old Snider pattern were also in evidence, as also were some explosive bullets. The whole of our town guard was on duty all day along the river banks, near the scene of the contest.

The "Cape Times" of 19th January, in referring to the assault on Ladysmith on 6th January, says:—"The Boers fought in a plucky and most determined manner, and it should be sufficient to dispel any doubts hitherto entertained as regards their courage. There is no doubt the Boer force has been augmented by the arrival of a large number from the Tugela heights, and from the papers found on the dead body of their leader, Commandant Devilliers, it is believed the attack was planned some time before hand. Early on Sunday morning (January 7) parties went out and met the Boer ambulance under the red cross flag. They requested permission to take away their dead left on the hill, which was granted, but they were not allowed to come up, and our soldiers carried the dead to their waggons on stretchers improvised from sacks with a couple of poles. The scene this time can only be described as ghastly, dead lying in heaps, some of them grasping their rifles so firmly that it required quite an effort to withdraw them from the grasp."

(A portion of the above appeared in our second edition yesterday.)

WAR NEWS BY THE MAIL.

INTERESTING BUDGET OF INFORMATION.

The mails by the Ophir were delivered in Sydney yesterday. She brings files of English papers to January 12. This is not so late as the files of Cape papers which reached Hobart last week by the steamer Ionic. The latest date by that vessel was January 13, whilst the arrival in Melbourne on Tuesday of the Salamis from South Africa places us in possession of direct news from the seat of war 13 days later than the English mail to hand yesterday. Whilst it is true that the English files have been anticipated by 13 days' later news direct from the Cape, it should be explained that the English papers contain interesting sidelights on the war which do not appear in the Cape papers, and hereunder we give some of them:—

MENELIK AND THE WAR.

The Cairo correspondent of the London "Daily Mail" says that he has excellent authority for stating that Menelik, the Negus of Abyssinia, has not shown any uneasiness regarding the war, as reported from Rome. The Italian Government asserts complete ignorance of the matter. British relations with Abyssinia remain amicable, and it is unlikely that Menelik will move, Russian and French intrigues notwithstanding, for he does not possess any interest, nor does he desire to take any, in the Soudan. All references to the Soudan are forwarded to Abyssinia, and it is not desirable, therefore, to suggest any trouble. The effect of the war on Upper Egypt is inconsiderable. The people are contented and busy.

MAXIMS FOR THE BOERS DETAINED IN LONDON.

It has recently come to the knowledge of the War Office (says a news agency) that the Boers were being supplied with arms made in England, and with tinned meats and other preserved foods. In the port of London on Saturday two Customs officers boarded a vessel, and after a careful search found six Maxim guns. The ship was detained in the docks, and subsequently the same officers boarded another vessel with a cargo of tinned meats, biscuits, and preserved stuff. The Custom-house and the War Office were communicated with, and the captain's explanations as to the destination of the cargo having been considered unsatisfactory the ship was detained in the docks.

GUNS FOR THE BRITISH.

ALLEGED PURCHASES IN FRANCE AND GERMANY.

The "Matin" of January 6 states that Great Britain has purchased two batteries of guns from a manufactory in the Loire basin. She attempted to make a similar purchase at the Creusot works, but met with a formal refusal. The Berlin correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" says that, according to news from Essen, Herr Krupp is working day and night to supply the British Government with 45,000 steel shrapnel shells, to be filled with lyddite in England. The workmen are employed 11 hours at a stretch, with only two intervals of a quarter of an hour each. Frenzied appeals have been made to the Government not to permit the exportation of these shells, which, it is declared, would be a breach of the strictly neutral position taken up by the German Government. Herr Krupp, moreover, is declared to be lacking in patriotism.

A BULGARIAN BOER'S LETTER.

A Bulgarian officer in the Boer army has (says the "Westminster Gazette") written a letter in which he says:—"How terribly they (the Boers) hate the English. We never hated the Turks so much. Our tactics here and everywhere along the fighting line are 'keep in your trenches;' we get ourselves intrenched and wait for the enemy. The English make their attacks in the open, thinking that they fight the Soudanese; we fire volleys at them and make havoc in their ranks. Hundreds are left on the battlefield and the others retire. We captured eight of them with a correspondent, and, oh, how proudly they hold themselves. So far we have been the victors all along. General White is shut up in Ladysmith, and we wait. We are forbidden to make any storming, as that would cost us men, and the Transvaal has but a handful." The writer adds: "The war is carried on with terrible venom. I am determined to remain to the end."

FRIENDLY ATTITUDE OF PORTUGAL.

STOPPING THE BOER SUPPLY OF FOREIGN RECRUITS.

The London "Times" correspondent of Lourenco Marques amplifies the brief statement made by Reuter that in future no one will be allowed to enter the Transvaal via Portuguese territory without a pass. The "Times" correspondent says:—"Recognising the necessity of a stricter control over the railway traffic between here and the Transvaal, the Portuguese Government has now revived the enforcement of an old law long in abeyance, which compels all persons leaving Portuguese territory first to obtain a passport signed by the Governor-General. Already a number of applications have been refused, and several persons making for the Transvaal without passports have been sent back to Lourenco Marques. It is understood that the authorities insist that applicants shall give guarantees through their consuls that they are not going to the Transvaal for the purpose of fighting."

WITH GENERAL FRENCH'S COLUMN.

THE INNISKILLINGS' CHARGE.

The Rensburg correspondent of the London "Daily Mail" states that the charge of the Inniskillings in Thursday's (January 4) battle was a most gallant one. Twenty-eight of this regiment dashed at 500 Boers at the left of a kopje, losing seven men, but doing considerable damage to the enemy. They then scattered, and arrived safely in camp at Meeder's Farm. Some of them had narrow escapes. A sergeant had his bandolier shot through. A second man had a shot cut clean across his chest. A third, who had his horse shot, jumped clear of his charger, lanced a Boer who was reloading his magazine, and shot him with his own gun. Other incidents were equally marvellous.

LORD ROBERTS ON THE BOER WAR OF 1881.

PEACE MADE "WITHOUT HONOUR."

It is interesting (says the "St. James' Gazette") to recall Lord Roberts's own account in "Forty-one Years in India" of his former visit to South Africa as Commander-in-Chief. After describing his reception by the country at the end of 1880, he writes: "I did not return to India until the end of 1881, six weeks out of these precious months of leave having been spent in a wild goose chase to the Cape of Good Hope and back, upon my being nominated by Mr. Gladstone's Government Governor of Natal and Commander of the Forces in South Africa, on the death of Sir George Colley, and the receipt of the news of the disaster at Majuba Hill. While I was on my way to take up my command peace was made with the Boers in the most marvellously rapid and unexpected manner—a peace, alas, 'without honour,' to which may be attributed the regrettable state of affairs in the Transvaal—a state of affairs which was foreseen and predicted by many at the time. My stay at Capetown was limited to 24 hours, the Government being apparently as anxious to get me away from Africa as they were to hurry me out there."

THE MISHAP AT STORMBERG.

GENERAL GATACRE'S DISTRESS OF MIND.

Writing from Queenstown, Cape Colony, a former member of the staff of a Scarborough newspaper says: "When the wounded arrived at night we learnt something of what had happened. The guide had misled the troops right into the jaws of death. Then another mistake was made. When he saw the hot corner they were in the General sent and ordered a retreat, and they were doing so in good order when a terrible mishap occurred. Our artillery mistook the columns for the enemy and commenced a disastrous shell fire, and between that and the Boer rifles our men lost heavily. One shell is said to have killed and wounded the colonel and two majors of the Royal Irish. After being extricated from this position the retreat was carried out, the enemy following for seven miles. Every man one speaks to cannot explain why they were not all shot. It is a horrible muddle, and yet one cannot help pitying Gatacre's distress of mind. A gentleman told me he was to be seen lying with his head in his hands on the table at Molteno Station. The last artillery we had here belonged to her Majesty's ship Powerful, but they were suddenly ordered to join Methuen's column. A day or two before they went I witnessed a cricket match between the officers and the local club, and had the pleasure of seeing Commander Ethelston and Major Plumber make the two highest scores, and then a day or two afterwards both these gallant fellows were killed. The Dutch parson here has been saying that the Boers want as many prisoners as possible, so that they may place them all in the centre of Pretoria, in order to prevent the British shelling the town. Not a bad idea, is it?"

THE BOER FOREIGN LEGION.

LETTER FROM COLONEL VILLEBOIS MAREUIL.

The "Liberte" publishes a letter from Colonel de Villebois Mareuil to his brother, in which he says the French people are highly esteemed in the Transvaal for several reasons. Firstly, M. Aubert, who has been Consul 16 years at Pretoria, speaks Dutch; secondly, two French engineers direct the manufacture and filling of shells and keep the Artillery well supplied; thirdly, a French woman, Madame de Ferriere, is president of the Marist Ambulance.

Colonel de Villebois Mareuil praises the Boer Army, which has, he says, no non-combatants and carries no useless baggage, each man attending to himself. Imitating this example, the colonel purchased a horse, &c., so as to be independent of everybody. His costume is the usual Boer soft felt hat with the right brim turned up and a fixed Boer cockade. He has a tunic with black buttons, riding trousers of grey velvet, and hunting boots with spurs. The Colonel describes the Boers as soldiers of extraordinary character, men of 200 years ago, using modern weapons. "When I came," he says, "I expected to serve a fine but almost desperate cause in view of the power of England. I see clearly today that the Colossus has feet of clay, and that the Boers are sturdy enough to give it a threatening shake." He gives an account of a visit to the Ferreira Mines, which are now being worked, and producing as well as before.

Writing on December 1 Colonel Mareuil thought the war would be over by the end of January or February, and that by the beginning of March he would set out for home. The "Liberte" adds that the Transvaal Government by publication in the official "Volkstem" recognised that the honour of the Colenso victory belonged to Colonel de Villebois Mareuil, who, as chief of the general staff, prepared the battle, and was on the spot during the combat.

THE BATTLE OF MAGERSFONTEIN.

SOME ASTOUNDING STATEMENTS.

The "St. James's Gazette" says:—Letters now coming from the front contain some astounding statements with regard to the disaster to the Highland Brigade at Magersfontein. A non-commissioned officer of the 2nd Black Watch writes:—"Of the whole brigade there was only the front rank of A Company of ours that could have used their rifles, as everybody else was straight in rear of them." Another man of the Highland Brigade says:—"There is not the slightest doubt but that Lord Methuen has lost the confidence of every man in the Highland Brigade. I am not going too far in saying that they are afraid to trust their lives to him." Colour-sergeant Gray writes from De Aar Hospital:—"General Wauchope, no doubt, went to find death when such a disastrous fire opened, but he had previously shouted in the vicinity of the Argylls, 'Highlanders, don't blame me for this; I received my orders, and had to obey them.' With proper handling we could have cleared the Boers out in two hours; as it was, we were taken into a butcher's shop and left there." Another soldier says:—"What could we do? It was dark. The men did not know they were there. The General did, but we were led into it all the same like lambs to the slaughter. Somebody shouted 'Retire,' and we did—well, not a retire, but a stampede. 4000 men like a flock of sheep running for dear life. Had we opened out in attacking or skirmishing order we could have rushed the trenches, but in the formations we were in we were helpless. All through stupid blundering and bad generalship we have lost confidence." Lieutenant R. B. Graham, in a letter to his father, Colonel Graham, of Cheltenham, says:—"Our own men were firing from behind us at the Boers, so, of course, could not help hitting some of us. I do not know what regiment they belonged to, but it made it too hot for us. I do not think there is the least doubt we should have taken the position if it had not been for this, as also two wire fences we had to get over during our charge. . . . I believe when General Wauchope was hit he said, 'Don't blame me, my lads; it was not my fault.' Our poor colonel (Colonel Goff) is gone; also Major Robinson, and poor young King. He, poor fellow, was shot by a man who got up 25 yards in front of his company and dropped him. The men charged, and he threw down his arms and begged for mercy; but they bayoneted him. It is a way they have; they think they can shoot you down till you get within five yards of them, and then that they have only to throw down their arms to be quite safe."

THE SORTIE FROM MAFEKING.

A DESPERATE ONSLAUGHT REPULSED.

GALLANTRY OF OFFICERS AND MEN.

The correspondent of the London "Times" in a very graphic account of the fight attending the sortie from Mafeking on December 26 says:—"The enemy concentrated such an exceedingly hot fire that the advance of Captain Vernon was almost impossible, but with remarkable heroism and gallantry Captains Sanford and Vernon and Lieutenant Paton and the scout Cooke, who guided the squadrons, and a few men actually reached the sandbags of the fort. Within 300 yards of the area of the fort nothing living could exist, since the ground was swept by Mauser and Martini bullets. The men who had charged through this zone of fire suffered terribly, and in following their officers to capture the fort 20 men of 'C' Squadron lost their lives. Captain Sandford, No. 2 troop, first fell, and Captain Vernon, already twice wounded, and Lieutenant Paton, No. 1 Troop, were killed at the foot of the fort. These two officers, climbing the ditch which surrounded the fort, thrust their revolvers through the enemy's loopholes, only to be shot themselves the next moment. Game Tree is surrounded with scrub, which contained many sharpshooters. Their accuracy of fire still further confused the men who had followed Captain Vernon, and who saw him and his brother officers killed. Being without commanders, they were driven off at one point, but endeavoured to scale others. They, however, found the position of the Boers at Game Tree almost impregnable. When we retired under cover of the armoured train so many of the men had been wounded that a suspension of hostilities at once took place. Under the auspices of the Red Cross the veldt round the Boer position was at once dotted with flags of mercy, and it was seen that our wounded were scattered within but a small radius of the fort. We had almost completely surrounded it, and had it not been so extraordinarily well protected we should have been in possession. I went with the ambulance to Game Tree. The fort itself is circular with a wide interior and a narrow frontage between six feet and seven feet high, pierced with treble tiers of loopholes, and a surrounding ditch. Surgeon-Major Anderson was good enough to permit me to assist in dressing the wounds of the men. It appeared from the majority of the wounds that the bullets used were of an explosive character. The point of entry was small, but the area of the injury covered a wide region."

THE SIEGE OF LADYSMITH.

A CHEERING MESSAGE.

The London "Daily News" prints a Ladysmith telegram of January 2. Says this correspondent:—You may discredit all sensational stories about our life here. We are not having a luxurious time of it, and experience some privations, but neither the troops nor the civilians have yet been called upon to endure any hardships, except the daily bombardment. The sanitary condition of the camp is satisfactory, and the water supply good. Every care is given to the sick and wounded, notwithstanding the difficulties incidental to their isolated position. Colonel Ward, Chief of the Commissariat Department, makes the most of all supplies and water-tanks. The organisation of this department is perfect, and he can estimate exactly the time before any pinch will come. We are hoping that the relief column will arrive along before then. The Boers do their utmost to intercept runners with despatches. The military authorities, however, are independent of this means of communication, since it is possible to flash messages by means of the heliograph almost daily, and General Buller's search-light signals often illuminate the southern sky like a comet's tale, pulsating secret despatches. Whenever the enemy's fire is destructive, Captain the Hon. H. Lambton's naval guns reply with shells in rapid succession, apparently with great effect, among the Boers on Bulwan Ridge. Last night we saw distinctly shells from General Buller's artillery bursting on a position occupied by the Boers. Flashes of vivid flame were followed by double reports, from which it was possible to estimate very nearly the situation of General Buller's gun and the range at which it was firing.

LADYSMITH FULL OF SPIES.

The "St. James's Gazette" says:—"An officer now serving with General White writes from Ladysmith on December 7 to his parents as follows: 'We are perfectly fit, and any amount of rations and ammunition, and the Boer bombardment, though unpleasant, has not done any damage to speak of. Of course, a few unlucky shells have killed and wounded a good few, but we have the most wonderful luck regimentally, and have had only a few wounded since Lombard's Kop (November 30), but have a terrible lot of enteric and dysentery, about 90 down out of 540—one-sixth. This place is full of spies—some six caught red-handed are in gaol here, but are not hanged or shot for some unaccountable reason, and the consequence is that every projected night attack, &c., is given away to the Boers almost at once. We also have an Irishman here belonging to the Irish Brigade who was caught by the Light Horse at Elands Laagte. He is quite happy. Also another who deserted, and a French deserter who apparently deserted because he was made to ride.'"

"Flamingo" illustrates and describes the Nowra Show in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

NEWCASTLE.

THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The monthly meeting of the committee of management of the Newcastle and Northumberland Benevolent Society was held in the city boardrooms, Parry-street, this afternoon. In the absence of the president (Mr. W. Arnott) through indisposition the chair was occupied by Mr. G. P. Lock, and there was a full attendance of ladies representing the various district committees.

The monthly report of the house committee stated that the asylum buildings at Waratah had been revalued, and the premises and furniture had been insured against fire for a sum of £6100. There had been six admissions and four births during the month, and two had been discharged, leaving a total of 72 inmates in the institution on the 31st ultimo. Dr. Andrew Nash, honorary medical officer, had regularly attended the asylum. The outdoor relief report showed that 253 families had been relieved at a cost of £146 6s 7d, and casual relief had been afforded at a cost of £8 14s 9d. The committee recommended that the whole of the outdoor cases should be reviewed.

The financial statement submitted by the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. P. Lock) showed that the receipts from all sources during the month of January totalled £1973 11s 3d; and the expenditure, including maintenance of asylum, office expenses, salaries, outdoor relief, and casual relief amounted to £378 1s 4d. There was an overdraft on the 31st ultimo of £808 8s 8d.

The report and financial statement were adopted.

The tender of Mr. A. Cook at £370 was accepted for re-roofing the Asylum buildings, providing fire hydrants, and construction of an electric bell service at the institution.

At the conclusion of the meeting new applications for relief were considered.

SUICIDE AT WALLSEND.

A miner named John Proudlock, 48 years of age, committed suicide this afternoon by shooting himself with a rifle at his residence, Chinaman's Flat, near Wallsend. The deceased was suffering from the last stages of cancer, and had been confined to his bed for the past three weeks. From statements furnished to the police it appears that shortly after 1 o'clock to-day the deceased asked his son to clean his rifle and discharge a cartridge. The son complied with the request, and the deceased then asked for the rifle for the ostensible reason of repairing a spring, which was out of order, and further asked to be supplied with cartridges to ascertain whether they fitted. The deceased, who was in bed, examined the weapon, and when his son left the bedroom for a few minutes he shot himself. The report brought the occupants of the house to his bedside, and it was at once apparent that he was dead. The position of the body showed that the deceased had pointed the rifle to his mouth and pulled the trigger by means of a short walking stick. Dr. Nash was immediately summoned and pronounced life extinct. An examination of the body showed that the bullet had entered the mouth and passed through the back of the head. The unfortunate man had never made any statement that he intended to take his life, and he had always lived comfortably and on the best of terms with his family. Dr. Nash, who had been attending the deceased for cancer, states that he was sinking rapidly, and had less than a month to live. It is presumed that the deceased, recognising that he was incurable and on his dying bed, thought it advisable to end his misery as quickly as possible.

THE COAL INDUSTRY.

The steamer Wakatipu left for Launceston, via Sydney, to-day with 850 tons of coal. The steamer Koonya left for Devonport, via Kembla and Sydney, with 400 tons. The steamer Colac left for Townsville with 1750 tons; and the steamer Gabo left for Melbourne, via Sydney, with 1800 tons coal and 20 tons coke. The steamer Harport cleared at the customs for Melbourne with 2300 tons.

THE NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL.

The first meeting of the newly elected committee of management of the Newcastle Hospital was held in the boardroom at the institution to-night. The president, Mr. C. H. Hannel, was in the chair. The two new members of the committee, Messrs. Lasker and Scott, took their seats for the first time amid applause.

The progress report of the house committee for the month of January stated that the upstairs wards had, on the recommendation of the medical superintendent, been rearranged so as to provide for additional beds. The equipment of surgical instruments had been improved by the purchase of modern appliances. Hitherto the equipment of the hospital in this respect had been deficient, and many of the instruments in use were obsolete. Dr. C. S. Willis, late of the Sydney Hospital, had been appointed resident medical superintendent, and commenced his duties on January 1. The financial statement showed that the receipts from all sources amounted to £412 12s 6d, including—subscriptions, £298 18s; fees of patients, £84 9s 8d; and Government allowance for destitute sea-borne patients, £29 4s 10d. The expenditure on all accounts totalled £253 15s 10d, and there was a credit balance in hand of £281 14s 1d. A claim for Government subsidy on subscriptions for the last quarter, amounting to £325 13s 10d, had been forwarded to the Colonial Secretary. The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

A ballot for the election of the honorary medical board of 10 members for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Dr. Eames, 20; Dr. Beeston, 20; Dr. Horsfall, 20; Dr. Harris, 19; Dr. Nickson, 19; Dr. Treloar, 17; Dr. Dunlop, 14; Dr. Sparke, 14—all elected. The defeated candidates were Dr. Harwood (10) and Dr. Ayres (4). Two of the elected practitioners, Dr. Eames and Dr. Horsfall, are at present on active service in South Africa.

The following additional office-bearers were elected by the committee:—Hon. treasurer, Mr. M. B. Anderson; hon. solicitor, Mr. H. J. Brown; hon. electricians, Messrs. Ward and E. Filmer. The house committee was re-elected for the remainder of the present quarter, and the sum of £750 voted to that committee to carry on the work of the institution.

It was resolved that the erection of the first section of the proposed new hospital buildings for which a preliminary vote of £6000 had been passed by Parliament, should be proceeded with at once, and a building committee consisting of the president (Mr. C. H. Hannel), the vice-president (Mr. Joseph Wood), and Messrs. Hall, Brooks, and Lockhead was appointed.

The president moved,—"That in future Hospital Saturday demonstrations shall be organised and carried out entirely by the committee, and the funds raised devoted solely to this institution." He said the movement was not intended to be antagonistic to the Friendly Societies' Association, which had done good work, but numerous complaints had been made in the past by contributors to the hospital Saturday collections, when they ascertained that half of the proceeds were handed over to the Benevolent Asylum.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Timbury, and supported by Messrs. Wood, Short, and others, all of whom contended that the hospital demonstrations were intended for the support of the hospital. The motion was unanimously carried, and Messrs. Timbury and S. L. Laing were appointed joint hon. secretaries to the movement.

THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the committee of the Newcastle and District Agricultural, Horticultural, and Industrial Association was held in the Hall of Commerce to-night. The president (Dr. Beeston) intimated that he had been informed by the Minister for Mines and Agriculture that a preliminary vote of £500 would be available in a few days. Fourteen tenders had been received for fencing the show-grounds, and a sub-committee was elected to consider them. It was resolved to offer a prize of 10 guineas for competitive designs for laying out the show-grounds at Broadmeadow.

CHAMPIONSHIP SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

Under the auspices of the Federal Swimming Club a successful swimming carnival was held at the corporation baths this evening. There was a large attendance, and a good deal of interest was manifested in the races. The principal event was the 100 Yards Championship of the Northern District, which was won by Alfred Holmes. The programme included no less than 16 events, and the racing was continued until nearly 11 o'clock. The officials were—Judges, Messrs. P. Johnson, W. Palmer, and S. Ashman; starter, Mr. J. Guilfoyle; timekeepers, Messrs. C. Harken and W. Stevens; hon. secretary, Mr. W. E. Alexander. Appended are the results of the principal events:—

100 Yards Championship of Northern District.—Alf. Holmes (Federal Club), 1; R. Thomas (Federal Club), 2; J. Walker (Federal Club), 3; M. Walsh (Maitland Club), 4. There were only four starters. The race proved a very exciting one, and was won by a touch, with less than six inches between second and third. Time, 1 minute 7 seconds.

Inter-Club Handicap of 60 yards, for boys under 16 years.—Timbury, 1; Corbett, 2; French, 3. Time, 48 1-5 seconds.

Sixty Yards Members' Handicap.—R. Porter, 10 seconds, 1; W. Bridges, 12 seconds, 2; W. Scott, 14 seconds, 3. There were 21 starters. Time, 44½ seconds.

Distance Plunge.—E. Barlow, 15 yards, winner.

The results of the suburban Mayoral elections are:—Waratah: Alderman N. B. Creer. New Lambton: Alderman George Errington. Wallsend: Alderman Drummond. Adamstown: Alderman Court.

Under the auspices of the Newcastle Branch of the Early Closing Association of New South Wales, a pleasant excursion was made this afternoon to Maitland-avenue. The steamer Rose was engaged, and was well patronised.

A pleasant moonlight excursion to Tomago was held under the auspices of the St. Patrick's Branch of the H.A.C.B. Society to-night.

At the Waratah School of Arts this evening a successful entertainment was given in aid of the Waratah parsonage fund.

HASTINGS AND MACLEAY ELECTION.

KEMPSEY, Wednesday.

It is thought that there will be no opposition to Mr. Frank Clarke's candidature for the Hastings and Macleay seat.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Ulmarra.—North Ward: T. Glasson, mayor, 86; A. Neiland, 68. South Ward: E. Cameron, 71; A. Bailey, 48. East Ward: J. Lee. Auditors: E. Yoole and F. Bridgett.

Narrabri.—South Ward: G. Williams, 105 (elected); H. V. Mumford, 102; W. M'Neill, 7. Danger Ward: T. D. Barry, 60; T. Orrett, 7.

Gundagai.—East Ward: M. S. Machen defeated J. Leary (retiring) by five votes.

MAYORAL RETURNS.

Albury.—Alderman W. J. Billson re-elected.

Barry.—Alderman John Ison re-elected.

Cooma.—Election of Mayor a tie between aldermen W. Willmott and J. H. Montague. Proceedings postponed until Friday.

Drummoyne.—Alderman Thomas Healey.

East Maitland.—Alderman W. H. Foster re-elected. The Mayor-elect entertained the aldermen and his friends at the Bank Hotel after his election.

East Orange.—Alderman Thomas Charles Bowes.

Hunter's Hill.—Alderman Rooke elected unanimously. At the conclusion of the meeting the aldermen, officers, and workmen of the council were invited by the Mayor-elect to refreshments. Several toasts were honoured.

Hurstville.—Alderman F. G. Thompson (the retiring Mayor), 4 votes (elected); Alderman Larbalestier, 3 votes.

Manly.—Alderman W. H. Fletcher without opposition, and for the second time.

Marrickville.—Alderman H. A. Langley.

North Botany.—On the motion of Alderman Coward, seconded by Alderman Bretchis, Alderman B. F. Reeve was elected Mayor.

Peak Hill.—Alderman Matthews.

Parkes.—Alderman J. Medlyn (re-elected).

Raymond Terrace.—Alderman M'Intyre.

Richmond.—Alderman J. W. Hill re-elected.

Tumut.—Alderman John Weeden elected.

Wingham.—Alderman Joseph B. Richardson.

LOCAL OPTION.

Ulmarra.—Division A: Yes, 39; No, 68. Division B: Yes, 48; No, 66.

Gundagai.—New licenses, yes 21, no 12; removal of licenses, yes 31, no 12.

Murrumburrah.—Murrumburrah Ward—Division A: Yes, 2; no, 5. Division B: Yes, 2; no, 5. Harden Ward—Division A: Yes, 1; no, 3. Division B: Yes, 1; no, 3. Demondrille Ward: 2 votes in each division for and against.

Tumut.—Three votes only recorded.

PAYMENT OF HOSPITAL DOCTORS.

BOWRAL, Wednesday.

The adjourned annual meeting of subscribers of the Berrima District Cottage Hospital was held in the Town Hall this afternoon, under the presidency of Mr. W. M'Court, M.L.A. The principal business was the discussion of the difficulty which had arisen regarding the medical officers' remuneration. The medical officers, Drs. A. S. Wallack and T. C. Fischer, some time ago wrote to the committee complaining of being underpaid, and asking an increase. As the result of the letter the committee recommended to the annual meeting of subscribers that in lieu of honoraria and isolation ward fees to the doctors they should be paid the fixed sum of £90. The doctors thereupon sent a letter to the chairman of the annual meeting demanding £120 per annum, and stated that if the sum was not granted they would resign their positions. After considerable discussion the meeting was adjourned till to-day, when a third letter was read from the medical officers offering to accept £100 per year on stated conditions. The subscribers present were generally of opinion that the doctors were not paid a sum commensurate with the amount of work done, but the question was one of strict economy, the hospital not being in a position financially to grant the increase asked. After lengthy discussion it was decided on the motion of Mr. Gavin George, seconded by Mr. A. Stephens, "That in lieu of honoraria and special isolation ward fees, the medical staff be paid the fixed sum of £90 for the year 1900." It was also decided to write to the medical officers expressing regret that the state of the finances of the institution compelled them to come to this decision.

WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE.

The board sat yesterday, Mr. J. Garrard presiding. The following documents were submitted to the meeting:—An abstract of moneys collected from July 1, 1899, to February 10, 1900, showing the amount to be £180,140 3s 8d, as against £154,495 during the same period of the previous year, or an increase of £25,645 3s 8d. A diagram showing the height of the water in the Prospect Reservoir, and a return of the quantity discharged into and out of the same during the week ended 10th instant, the average daily consumption being 25,694,000 gallons, as against 20,400,000 gallons during the same period of the previous year. A return showing that during the week ended 10th instant, 1051 yards of water-mains were laid, 34 yards lowered, 81 yards relaid, and 10 hydrants fixed. A return showing that during the week ended 10th instant, 1 mile 951 yards of sewers were laid, making a total length since July 1 last of 32 miles 163 yards. Accounts amounting to £5207 17s 3d were submitted for approval.

DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE.

The inaugural demonstration of the Democratic League was held at the Protestant Hall last evening under the presidency of Mr. John Haynes, M.L.A. There were present among others the following:—T. J. Cohen, C. T. Renshaw, A. G. Huie, R. Scott, F. Hoddinott, R. Colonna Close, J. A. Dobbie, B.A., C. B. Smith, P. Banks, Professor Carey, P. M'Naught, Alderman Wells (Annandale), P. J. Brant (member Trades' Hall, Melbourne), and R. J. Dunford.

The Chairman, in his address, welcomed those present, and gave it as his opinion that the league would develop a cause which would grow into a great triumph of the people of this colony. Never had the time been more ripe for the establishment of such an association. From this time on branches would be established in the country, having like objects in view, namely, to remedy the surrenders of principle in high places which had been witnessed in the past. Organisation was necessary to win back for the people the simple right of manhood suffrage; to see that votes were given to men, not acres; that equal representation must give place to proportional representation; above all, the sale of Crown lands must cease.

NEW GUINEA ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the members of the New Guinea Association was held on Tuesday afternoon in St. James' Parish Hall to meet the Bishop of New Guinea prior to his departure for his diocese. Mr. E. R. Dean-Thomson presided, and there was a large attendance. Among the clergy present there were the Bishops of Goulburn and New Guinea, and the Revs. Canon Corlette, C. Baber, W. I. Carr-Smith, R. E. Goddard, G. Trower, G. E. Stiles. The Bishop of New Guinea, in a short farewell address, gave an account of his work since his arrival from New Guinea in November last. He had visited seven of the Australian dioceses and intended visiting four more of the Northern dioceses on his way back. As a result of his appeals the sum of £860 had been received towards paying off the bank overdraft in connection with the mission, and he had succeeded in obtaining a qualified State school teacher as mistress of the newly established school for white children at Samarai. He regretted that so far he had not received any offers from clergy to assist in the mission work, but still hoped that some clergymen would feel called upon to offer themselves in the near future. He referred to the last reports received from the mission stations, and to the testimony of the Governor of New Guinea as to the grand work which is being done by the mission all up the coast. The Bishop of Goulburn also addressed the meeting, and a resolution, moved by the Rev. R. E. Goddard and seconded by Mr. William Crane, was carried with acclamation, expressing thankfulness for the work that has already been done by the mission, and wishing the Bishop God-speed, and assuring him of continued and increasing support. A satisfactory collection was taken up at the close of the meeting. Afternoon tea was provided by the committee.

CHURCH NEWS.

ST. PETER'S MISSION CHURCH, BURWOOD.

The fourth anniversary of the above church was celebrated by a tea and public meeting last Tuesday evening. Addresses were given by the rector, Rev. W. H. H. Yarrington (who presided), the Revs. Canon Moreton, John Dixon, E. Claydon, Brown, jun., and Messrs. W. J. Roberts and W. S. Mayer. A programme of sacred music and singing was rendered, and the attendance was large. The meeting was highly successful.

The members of St. Stephen's Institute, Newtown, gave a moonlight harbour excursion and concert on Monday evening last for the purpose of raising funds to be devoted to the building of a room for the institute, which has outgrown its present accommodation. Between 300 and 400 persons attended the excursion, which proved most enjoyable. During the trip the Newtown Brass Band rendered selections, and a short programme of songs and recitations was gone through. Among those who contributed items were Mrs. A. J. Gray, Miss Lee, Mr. Maltar, Mr. Lowder, and the Misses Ollivier and Best.

A MINERS' CONFERENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—On the recent visit of the Minister for Mines to Adelong he said "he had hoped to meet the miners, and was sorry some of them were not present, as a new Mining Act would be dealt with next session in order to bring mining legislation up to date." This will be welcome news to everybody engaged in the industry in whatever capacity. The present Act is notoriously obsolete, and quite inadequate to regulate the present scientific methods applied to mining. I desire to suggest that the Minister hold a conference of practical mining men, similar to that held by Mr. Sydney Smith, when suggestions could be made as a guide in drafting the new bill. By this means the Minister would doubtless gain valuable information from gentlemen experienced in up-to-date mining.

I am, &c.,

F. W. YATES.

February 13.

AMERICAN COMMERCIAL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24 (via Auckland).

Although the various markets have not shown an abundance of activity the general tendency is towards a gradually increasing volume of trade, with few changes in prices, all of which are in favour of sellers. The weather has been somewhat unfavourable to the growing of fruit, cold, foggy days prevailing in the San Joaquin Valley. In the north warm, dry weather would be of great benefit to seeding and ploughing, which are being retarded by the wet ground. There is an increase of acreage under grain, and the general prospects are for a large output of coal. The market is somewhat less nervous owing to the recent arrival of several British, Australian, and coasting vessels. The scarcity in the market was so pronounced that a large proportion of the arrivals was transported directly to waggons, never reaching the bunkers.

The steamer Moana has the following cargo for Sydney:—50 bales broom corn, 1630 cases dry goods, 350 boxes codfish, 16,270lb. dried fruit, 38 cases dry goods, 30,000lb. germea, 14,783lb. hops, 19 rolls leather, 80 barrels lubricating oil, 180 packages merchandise, 283 rolls paper, 25 flasks quicksilver, 2975 cases salmon, 2 cases varnish, 67 cases whisky.

Quotations to-day are as follows:—Wheat, No. 1 milling, 1·00 dol. to 1·02½ dol.; No. 1 shipping, 96¼ cents to 97½ cents; flour, best, 3·50dol. to 3·75dol.; barley, Chevalier, nominal; brewing, 80 cents to 87½ cents; hay wheat, 7·50dol. to 9·50dol.; hops, new crop, 6 cents per lb.; coal, Australian gas, 7·25dol.; quicksilver, 51·50 dol. per flask.

For local use lumber shipments have been as follows:—December 9, American barque Carondelet, San Francisco to Melbourne, 957,016ft.; December 15, American barque Sea King, Chemainus to Adelaide; December 23, American ship Yosemite, Chemainus to Sydney; January 6, American ship J. B. Brown, Chemainus to Sydney; January 11, American barque Abby Palmer, Tacoma to Melbourne, 1,550,000ft.; January 12, American ship Great Admiral, Gamble to Sydney.

J. W. Harrison's Coal Circular says:—"Since the Mariposa left there have been the following cargoes of colonial coal delivered here:—Noemi, 2863 tons; Shwarzenbek, 3137 tons; Norfolk Island, 2165 tons; Shenandoah, 5129 tons; General Gordon, 2401 tons; Ariades, 2150 tons; Celtic Monarch, 3394 tons; Clan Graham, 3333 tons. Total, 24,672 tons. These have been the most generous arrivals we have had from that section for some time, and they have come to hand most opportunely, as the yards were absolutely bare of fuel of both grades. Never before in the experience of the writer has a similar situation existed. The quantity of fuel consumed and the sources of supply approximate too closely for comfort. Besides, our usual reserve in the yard has been burnt up. Deliveries are all being made from ship's side; none goes into the yard. If any accident should occur at any one of our principal coast collieries its effect here would be serious and immediate. We cannot expect much relief from outside sources until coal freights decline from Great Britain and Australia, or until there is a shrinkage in the demand for Honolulu, which cannot develop itself before next year. The present list of engaged vessels from Sydney and Newcastle only numbers 18, of a carrying capacity of 54,000 tons. At this time last year there were 31 vessels chartered for San Francisco. The last cabled freight rate for coal from Newcastle was 20s per ton for early loadings and 19s for several months hence.

New York Clearances.—Sydney: Steamer Eois, December 1, 11,636lb. manufactured tobacco. For Adelaide: Barque Lake Erie, December 23, 13,520 gallons of kerosene, 122,511ft. lumber, and 2172 packages of iron. For Sydney: The ship Pomona sailed on January 13 with 402 tons of iron.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

(Continued from page 4.)

Custom-house.—Entered Outwards: February 14, Australasian, s., 3662 tons, Captain T. F. Spalding, for London, via ports; Adelaide, s., 1711 tons, Captain W. G. Vincent, for Brisbane; Tambo, s., 732 tons, Captain W. J. Wyllie, for Hobart; Defiance, barquentine, 199 tons, Captain G. Kaddens, for Auckland, via Newcastle; Pacifique, s., 2009 tons, Captain Couret, for Noumea.

Captain Thorpe reports that the steamer Zealandia left Melbourne at 7.30 p.m. on January 31, arrived at Hobart at 8.45 a.m. and sailed at 4.15 p.m. on February 2, arrived at the Bluff at 5.30 p.m. on the 5th, and sailed at 7 p.m. on the 6th, calling at Dunedin, Lyttelton, Wellington; left latter port at 5 p.m. on the 10th, arriving at Sydney at 8 p.m. on the 14th. Experienced fine weather and smooth seas from Melbourne to Wellington. After leaving Wellington experienced fresh head winds and seas till the 13th, thence fine weather and smooth seas, which continued to arrival. On Tuesday evening, 13th instant, a concert was held in the dining saloon and a programme of 15 items was successfully rendered, the Hon. S. Austin, of Geelong, successfully fulfilling the duties of chairman. A collection in aid of the Patriotic Fund was made, the sum of £3 7s being realised.

There are rumours on the Continent that the Hamburg-American Steam Packet Company are considering the advisability of constructing in Germany a steamer of over 730ft. in length (larger than the Oceanic).

The two groups of steamers running in East-Asiatic waters acquired by the Norddeutscher Lloyd (the former Holt Line and the Scottish Oriental Steamship Company's boats) are to be merged into one Indo-Chinese Line trading under the flag of the Norddeutscher Lloyd.

As showing the advance in value of steamships it is reported by mail that a large shipping company recently received tenders from shipbuilders for the construction of a high-class steamer to run on one of its lines, and to be similar to one of its steamers built a little over a year ago at a cost of about £150,000. As, however, builders require approximately 25 per cent. more to build a sister vessel, the company has been compelled to postpone ordering for the present.

Captain Vincent reports that the steamer Adelaide left Brisbane on February 12th at 5.1 p.m., rounded Cape Moreton the same evening at 7.55 p.m. On the 13th we passed Richmond River at 3.57 a.m., South Solitary at 10.20 a.m., and Smoky Cape at 1.40 p.m., arriving at Sydney on the 14th at 4.50 a.m. Experienced light northerly winds, and fine clear weather to Smoky Cape, then the wind veered round to the southward, with a lumpy beam sea; cloudy weather.

Captain W. B. Nelson reports that the Electra crossed the Richmond bar at 5.30 a.m. on the 13th, and arrived in Sydney at noon on the 14th instant. Had variable winds, with fine weather.

The English papers by yesterday's mail state that the Medic is now in command of Captain Ranson.

A kind of jubilee of the Norddeutscher Lloyd's dry dock at Bremerhaven was celebrated on the 4th instant, the 2000th ship having been placed in it on that day. The dock was built in 1870-71, the dimensions being: Length, 373ft.; width, 90ft.; depth 21ft. In 1881 its length was increased by 80ft., besides which it was made available for vessels drawing up to 21ft. 6in. Last year 98 vessels used the dock, of, altogether, 317,000 register tons.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Ophir is due here to-morrow from London.

The mails which left Sydney per R.M.S. Cuzco on January 9 arrived in London on February 12.

The mails which left Sydney per R.M.S. Miowera on January 3 arrived in London on February 11.

The R.M.S. Oruba left Colombo outwards on February 12.

The French mail steamer Ville de la Ciotat, from Sydney 23rd ultimo, left Colombo on the 10th instant at 10 a.m.

The French mail steamer Armand Behic, from Marseilles, left Colombo on the 13th instant, at 11 a.m.

The R.M.S. Miowera left Vancouver on the 9th instant for Sydney, via ports.

PASSENGERS TO ARRIVE BY THE R.M.S. OPHIR.

Passengers to arrive to-morrow by the R.M.S. Ophir as per list to hand from Adelaide:—Mr. A. J. Arnot, Mr. J. Bainton, Mrs. Barratt, Miss E. Bellamy, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bourchier, Mr. R. R. Bowles, Mr. and Mrs. T. Douglas Brown, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Canter, Miss Canter, Miss E. C. Canter, Mr. C. A. Henry, Mr. W. S. Conway, Mrs. D'Arcy, Miss F. G. Anson, Mr. H. Baxter, Mr. M. Beath, Mr. W. E. Bradshaw, Miss Dean, Miss Eddy, Mr. J. Fogg, Rev. Father O'Dwyer, Mr. T. W. Pennyfather, Mr. A. Elbourne, Mr. A. J. Gillott, Mr. E. D. Hargreaves, Colonel T. A. Henry, Mr. A. W. Hoskings, Mr. and Mrs. Hurnard, Mr. A. Jarman, Miss J. Kelso, Mr. W. S. Knowles, Miss Lewis, Mr. Henry Villiers Litt, Rev. J. B. Mcharry, Mrs. Mcharry, Mr. J. Milne, Mr. L. B. Harris, Rev. W. Jellie, Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnson, Rev. T. R. S. Kemp, Mr. G. H. Lyon, Mr. L. H. Margoliouth, Mr. A. H. Mason, Mr. J. Mays, Mr. J. Milligan, Rev. E. B. Riley, Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor, Mr. M. G. Neill, Mrs. Nott, Miss Nott, Mr. J. H. Pinckvoss, Mr. D'Arcy Reeve, Miss Roberts, Captain H. L. F. Royle, D.S.O., R.N., Dr. Stapleton, Mr. A. B. Templeton, Mrs. T. B. Trude, Mrs. H. Vandeleur-Carden, Mr. G. S. Yuill, Mr. R. Rosling, Mr. F. Sayer, Mr. Terry, Mr. T. E. Ward, Dr. and Mrs. J. Whitton, Mr. A. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Wilson, Miss Woods. From Colombo: Mr. A. Gillott, Mr. R. R. Bowles, Mr. W. A. Dodds, Mr. H. Lambe, Miss E. M. Fremlin, Mr. W. S. Scott, Mr. D. D. Mackinnon, Mr. S. Bridgett, Mr. J. P. Murphy, Master E. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hegarty, Mr. and Mrs. Goscard and child, Mr. P. M'Hugh, Mrs. W. H. Brown, Mr. W. L. Paterson, Messrs. H. Catherall, W. Cowell, W. Cupitt, M. F. Howard, M. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Derham, Mr. R. Martin, Mr. J. C. Watson.

PASSAGES ENGAGED BY THE R.M.S. INDIA.

The P. and O. Company's R.M.S. India, which left London on January 25, Marseilles February 1, passed Suez 8th instant, had booked passengers as under up to the closing of the last mail:—

Dr. W. W. Anderson, Mr. W. Allen, Miss Arnott, Mr. K. Bellew, Miss E. Burleigh, Miss Blair, Miss Borlay, Mr. Baines, Rev. P. C. Bacon, Mrs. Bacon, Mr. W. Biggs, Miss Beath, Rev. and Mrs. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Barclay, Mrs. Brewster, Mr. A. Bean, Miss Baines, Mr. and Mrs. Cull, Mr. and Mrs. Cole, Mrs. A. J. Chope, Mr. B. C. Creswick, Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm, Misses Chisholm, Mr. M. Craig, Mr. J. Craig, Mrs. Coll, the Misses Coll, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Compton, Mrs. Frank Campbell, Mrs. A. C. Crawley, Mr. A. C. Crewley, Mr. A. W. Darley, Mr. A. Davis, Mrs. C. H. Douglas, Miss E. Douglas, Miss Douglas, Mr. Dowbiggin, Captain G. M. Duff, Mrs. Elworthy, Misses Elworthy, Mr. Elworthy, jun., Miss Emanuel, Mr. J. S. Carr Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Evatt, Mr. Entwistle, Mr. and Mrs. Fanworth, Mr. and Mrs. Fenwick, Rev. A. Forbes, Major A. W. and Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Galloway, Hon. C. I. Greville, Miss M. Grubb, Mrs. Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. Glass, Mr. A. Gilmour, Mr. J. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Neill Hay, Mr. Hartley, Miss Hartley, Mr. C. Hovenden, Mr. F. H. Hotchkiss, Mr. Highets, Mr. N. Henrichs, Mr. C. H. A. Hill, Mr. S. Howell, Mr. M. Hyman, Mrs. A. Hyman, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hellicar, Miss Hellicar, Mrs. Jackson, Mr. J. C. R. Johnston, Captain and Mrs. James, Mr. H. Kuhling, Mr. E. L. Krause, Mr. Kater, Mr. F. Kellerman, Mr. H. Kellerman, Mr. and Mrs. Killiman, Mr. Karl, Mr. and Mrs. Liardet, Mr. A. W. Lushington, Mr. C. W. Liminsin, Miss Lambert, Mr. Henri Morean, Mr. Martin, Mr. C. M. Marshall, Mr. A. C. Marshall, Mr. A. and Mr. C. Mimmo, Mr. J. T. J. and Miss Mimmo, Mr. O. Moses, Countess de Harvel Manin, Mr. G. M'Gregor, Mrs. Morton, Captain M'Lachlan, Mr. and Mrs. M'Kean, Sir R. G. Musgrave, Lady Musgrave, Mr. and Miss Matheson, Mrs. G. and Miss Martin, Captain D. O. Morris, Mr. E. F. MacKay, Mr. E. Mellard, Hon. Sir S. Northcote, Lady Northcote, Captain F. R. Ozard, Mr. and Mrs. Pratt, Sir R. Ponsonby, Mr. W. Price, Miss Poissinger, Rev. A. A. Pibeon, Major J. Pratt, Mr. Pyle, Mrs. Ponder, Mr. F. H. Ralph, Rev. J. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Rising, Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. M. Symes, Mrs. W. T. van Sowman, Mr. C. Sharpe, Mr. M. Summers, Mr. W. A. Sims, Rev. E. H. Smith, Miss Stonham, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Saunders, Lieutenant-Colonel S. Sarkis, Mr. A. V. Shaw, Mr. A. W. Sewell, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Syme, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson, Mr. Talbot, Mrs. Thorp, Mr. R. Trehearne, Mr. and Mrs. Vandane, Mr. A. T. Wood, Mr. Withers, Mr. A. E. Young.

PASSAGES ENGAGED BY THE R.M.S. ORUBA.

The following passages by the Orient Company's R.M.S. Oruba, which left London on the 19th ultimo, Plymouth next day, were engaged up to the closing of the last mail:—Mr. J. L. Anstruther, the Misses Allen, Mr. Barry, Mrs. Brook, Bishop of Brisbane, Mrs. Blount, Mr. Baxter, Mrs. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Blundell, Mr. C. H. Bagot, Mr. O. E. Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Dransfield, Mrs. D'Arcy, Mrs. S. F. Edge, Mr. Gould, Mr. Goodman, Mr. P. C. Gardener, Mrs. Gore-Martin, the Misses Gore-Martin, Mrs. Howel Griffith, Mr. J. Gage, Mr. E. Holt, Mrs. Holt, Mr. Heon, Rev. Heon, Mr. and Mrs. Heywood, Miss Heywood, Mr. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lambert, Mr. H. W. Marshall, Mrs. M'Nab, Dr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, Mr. W. Neve, Mr. G. Neve, Mr. and Mrs. G. Norsworthy, Miss Neve, Mr. Ogden, Captain Palmer, R.E., Mrs. Palmer, Miss Pigott, Rev. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parsons, Mr. Rolls, Mr. Speight, Miss Seager, Mr. Spalding, Mr. and Mrs. H. Tennant, Mr. and Mrs. Tuckett, Mr. Tripe, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Worthy, Misses Wright.

THE OPHIR'S VOYAGE.

The Orient Company's Ophir is due here to-morrow, and of her voyage the following is by mail from Adelaide:—Left London on January 5, and arrived at Plymouth the next morning. After embarking passengers left at 5.20 a.m. on January 7. After a fine passage arrived at Gibraltar at 8.15 a.m. on the 10th; left at 11.5 a.m. on the same day. Experienced strong wind with a rough sea on Thursday and Friday, and arrived at Marseilles on the 12th at 5.45 p.m. Having embarked passengers left at 9.15 p.m. After a somewhat rough passage arrived at Naples on Sunday, the 14th, at 1.20 p.m. At Naples coal was taken in, and after having embarked passengers and the mails (910 bags), left on the 15th, at 9 a.m. Had a fine passage to Port Said, and arrived at 7.30 a.m. on the 18th. After landing the passengers for Cairo, and having coaled, entered the Canal at 12.5 p.m. on the same day. Had a satisfactory passage through, and reached Suez at 5.24 a.m. on the 19th. Down the Red Sea experienced very fine weather, and passed Perim Island at 4.10 p.m. on the 22nd. Had a pleasant passage to Colombo, arriving at 9 p.m. on the 28th. At this port coal was taken, and after landing and embarking passengers left at 1.28 p.m. on January 29. Experienced a fine passage to Albany, arriving at 2.45 p.m. on February 8. After landing passengers, mails, and cargo, and embarking passengers, left at 5.15 p.m. on the same day. Experienced light winds, rain and thunderstorms in the Australian Bight. Captain Symons has relieved Captain Kershaw in command.

THE JAPAN MAIL S.S. COMPANY.

This company, which maintains a monthly mail service between Japan and Australian ports, has held its half-yearly meeting. The net profit for the half-year was 1,569,364 yen, against 1,155,109 yen in the previous half-year, 1,499,758 yen in the corresponding period of 1898, 36,093 yen in 1897, and 482,217 yen in 1896. To the past half-year's profit has to be added 662,098 yen brought over from the previous account. The total (2,231,462 yen) is disposed of as follows:—To reserve, 78,118 yen (against 70,488 yen a year ago); to reserve for equalisation of dividends 960,000 yen (against nil last year); to paying a dividend of 10 per cent. (as compared with 8 per cent. at the end of 1898, and nil for the corresponding half of 1897), 1,100,000 yen; and to carry forward 319,161 yen. A year's O24.

THE SUSSEX.

The barque Sussex, from Frederikstad, arrived and anchored in Watson's Bay at 9.45 p.m. yesterday. She sailed on October 25, and had rough weather in the North Sea, gales from westerly and south-west until November 14, when the weather moderated; on November 15 passed the Isle of Wight, and had fine weather in the North Atlantic; crossed the line on December 15, and met with fine weather through the South Atlantic, crossed the meridian of the Cape of Good Hope January 11 in 42·20 S., had fine westerly winds through the Indian Ocean, and ran down the longitude in from 40° to 44° S.; on February 7 passed Tasmania, and had variable winds thence to Sydney, arriving after a passage of 111 days from Frederikstad and 93 from Dover Straits. The vessel comes with timber to Messrs. Holdship and Co.

THE ABERDEEN LINE.

The steamer Nineveh arrived at London on the 12th instant from Sydney, via ports.

The steamer Damascus left London on Tuesday last for Sydney, via ports.

THE WHITE STAR LINE.

Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Limited, agents for the above line, have been advised that the steamer Afric left Liverpool on the 12th instant for Sydney, via ports. She is due at Albany on March 22.

THE SHAKESPEARE.

This solidly built iron clipper, in command of Captain J. C. Tod, arrived from Mauritius yesterday with a sugar cargo for Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co.

THE AIRLIE IN DOCK.

Yesterday the E. and A. Company's steamer Airlie, which came into port the other day leaking, after striking on Chapman Island Reef, was yesterday floated into Mort's Dock. She was surveyed by Lloyd's surveyor, Mr. Robert Pollock, and by Captain J. Banks, and will be repaired right away. The damage sustained is nearly confined to the forward part of the keel, from the stem as far as the bulkhead which separates No. 1 and No. 2 holds. The faithful workmanship which originally was put in the ship is shown by the comparatively light damage one might expect in the case of a vessel going at great speed being brought up by a reef. And the good workmanship displayed by the ship's company and others in stopping the numerous leaks is scarcely less a matter for congratulation. Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., the managing agents of the line, are anxious to get the Airlie fixed up and sent away as soon as possible, the excursion season to China and Japan being already pressing. Those who were present at the "drying" of the Airlie yesterday were loud in their praise of the wonderful strength of the ship. Some said that "a ship of to-day would have never come off."

CHARTERS.

Messrs. Nelson and Robertson report:—
Armida, ship, Newcastle to West Coast.
Brenda, ship, Newcastle to West Coast.
Cambrian King, ship, Newcastle to West Coast.
Rosshire, four-masted barque, Liverpool to Sydney.
Quilpice, barque, Hamburg to Sydney and Newcastle.

REMOVALS AND DOCKS.

The American barque Reaper was floated into Mort's Dock yesterday.

The four-masted barque Clan Buchanan was yesterday towed to a discharging berth at Walker's wharf.

The American ship Florence will be moved from Johnstone's Bay to the stream to-day. She proceeds to Newcastle to-night to load for Honolulu.

The four-masted schooner Olga will be towed to Newcastle to-night to load coal for Honolulu.

SAILING VESSELS DUE.

AT SYDNEY.

Armida, ship (KCST), from Liverpool—86 days.
Carmoney, barque (JQHB), from London—107 days.
Clan Robertson, ship (JQMC), from Hamburg—93 days.
E. J. Spence, barque (WMNJ), from Mauritius—54 days.
Hartfield, ship (JKLS), from New York—83 days.
Shakespeare, barque (PNBT), from Mauritius—57 days.
Sussex, barque (JQLH), from Frederikstad—115 days.
Thalatta, ship (WHLD), from London—101 days.
Yosemite, ship (JCLW), from Chemainus—54 days.

AT NEWCASTLE:

Camphill, barque (LQDJ), from Melbourne—4 days.
Clydebank, barque (RCMG), from Townsville—14 days.
Elmhurst, ship (JGQR), from Fremantle—13 days.
Gwrtheyrn Castle, barque (PJBN), from Fremantle—17 days.
Hindekal, four-masted barque (MSQB), from Calcutta—46 days.
Portia, ship (WPTH), from Table Bay—34 days.
Victoria Regina, ship (WGDM), from Iona—61 days.

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LAW REPORT.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

BANCO COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Owen, and Mr. Justice Simpson.)

A QUESTION OF DEDUCTION.

Re E. S. Antill (appellant) and the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895 (Commissioners of Taxation respondents).

Mr. Pilcher, Q.C., and Dr. Sly, instructed by Messrs. Minter, Simpson, and Company, appeared for the appellant Antill; and Mr. R. E. O'Connor, Q.C., Mr. C. B. Stephen, and Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by the Crown solicitor, for the respondent Commissioners. This was a special case stated for the opinion of the Court by Judge Docker sitting as a Court of Review. It appeared that Antill lodged an income tax return showing his income for the year 1898, and deductions claimed under the Act in respect of such income. The deduction claimed was £611 as a fair rent in respect of certain leasehold premises and improvements thereon, and which for the purposes of this case were to be taken as identical with Mara station, with improvements thereon. Respondents disallowed the deduction, and assessed the appellant accordingly, and he thereupon lodged notice of appeal. The case came before Judge Docker sitting as a Court of Review in September last, when the following admissions were made. Appellant carries on business in this colony as a grazier and is the holder, amongst other lands, of a station or run called Mara, which consists entirely of lands leased from the Crown and worked independently of the other lands referred to. Certain station buildings and improvements usual in the case of a property of the kind having been carried out at Mara station, such as homestead, woolshed, yards, fencing, &c., in pursuit of the business, appellant has from time to time purchased stock, and the same is depastured upon the station. Appellant acquired the said leasehold lands and improvements comprised in Mara station by purchase from the prior lessees of the lands from the Crown on May 5, 1884, at the sum of £10,250, and pays to the Crown the sum of £4[?] yearly as rent for the use of such lands, and the lease has a currency of 28 years from August 5, 1884. The value of the improvements at the time of such purchase was £3000, and there has been spent in improvements on the said lands the sum of £1000. The present value of the appellant's interest in the leasehold lands, apart from the improvements, is admitted to be £13,850, and £542 yearly is admitted to be the fair rental value of the lease apart from improvements over and above the rent payable to the Crown. The present value of the appellant's interest in the improvements on the leasehold lands is admitted to be £4000, and £202 is admitted to be a fair rental value for such improvements. It is admitted that it would be necessary to devote £492 yearly from the present time to the expiration of the lease to provide a sinking fund to replace the present capital value of the appellant's interest in the leasehold lands, apart from the improvements, and £239 yearly for similar purposes with respect to improvements. The foregoing admissions were made merely for the purposes of argument, and on the principle involved in the appeal, and are not to be taken as admitting for any other purpose the truth of the matters mentioned or the correctness of the figures or calculations in it, it being agreed that in the event of the decision of the Court being in favour of the appellant on the question of principle the matter should be remitted to the commissioners to have the figures adjusted and the amendments (if any) in the assessment made by the commissioners on a consideration of the actual facts. Certain documents were put in, and appellant contended that the allowance for fair rent should be a sum representing the fair rental value of the leasehold premises with improvements as assessed for each year on the basis of the annual amount which an intending tenant could fairly be asked to pay for the use of such premises and improvements for that particular year. His Honor dismissed the appeal, holding that the appellant was not entitled to any deduction in respect of the rental value of the said premises and improvements, or of any provision to be made by way of sinking fund to replace the cost or value of the said premises and improvements. The questions for the decision of the Court were—Whether or not, on the evidence or admissions, the appellant is entitled to deduct or have deducted from the taxable amount of his income for the year 1898 a sum representing the fair rental value of the said leasehold premises and improvements thereon or any part thereof for that year, or, in the alternative, a sum to represent provision for the purpose of a sinking fund to replace the cost or value of the said leasehold premises and improvements or any part thereof?

The Court, after hearing Mr. Pilcher for appellant and Mr. O'Connor for the respondents, and without calling upon the former to reply, answered the first question submitted to it in the affirmative. Section 28 of the Act provided for deductions, and the first part was in these terms: "From the taxable amount so ascertained as aforesaid every taxpayer shall be entitled to deductions in respect of the annual amount of losses and outgoings, including interest and expenses actually incurred in New South Wales by the taxpayer in the production of his income." It was argued that the deduction which the appellant claimed did not fall within the term "outgoings, including interest and expenses," but the Court was of opinion that it fell within the word "expenses." In considering the Act of Parliament, unless they could see clearly that it was the intention of the Legislature to tax the subject, they could not stretch the Act of Parliament in order to do so; and it was clear to the Court that the appellant was entitled to the deduction which he claimed. The first question being answered in the affirmative, it was not necessary to deal with the second.

Appeal sustained, with costs.

NO. 2 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen and a special jury of 12.)

ACTION FOR ALLEGED LIBEL.

Kugelmann v. Norton (part heard).

Mr. Want, Q.C., and Mr. Broomfield, instructed by Mr. J. R. Baxter Bruce, appeared for the plaintiff, and the Attorney-General (Mr. Wise, Q.C.) and Mr. G. M. L. Innes, instructed by Messrs. Westgarth, Nathan, and Co., for the defendant. This was an action brought by Hermann Emil Kugelmann, described as a herbal practitioner, against John Norton, to recover compensation for alleged libels published of him by the defendant in his newspaper "Truth." Plaintiff claimed that his credit and reputation as a herbal practitioner had been greatly injured by the articles, and he claimed £1000 damages. The defendant paid 1s. into court as sufficient to compensate the plaintiff for any injury suffered by him.

The cross-examination of the plaintiff was continued by Mr. Wise. He stated that he did not receive a letter from Alfred O'Kane asking him to return a "few of the pounds" he had received from him, under penalty of exposure. He was prepared, acting under advice from his counsel, to produce his books showing the moneys he had received from O'Kane. Most of his patients communicated with him by letter once a fortnight, others more frequently. He received on an average about 3000 letters a fortnight. These he dealt with personally, in some cases dictating answers to a clerk. When he was travelling his letters were forwarded to him under cover, and they were always opened by him when alone. He had also stereotyped replies which were used in certain cases. Many of the articles he instructed patients to take could be purchased otherwise than from witness. A passage in one of his circular letters warned patients against using white bread, but the letter did not state that "the second greatest withering and destroying blight of this century is white bread." He did not send a circular letter such as that read by counsel broadcast for the purpose of terrifying young men. That circular was only sent to patients who consulted him upon certain symptoms. He might have treated Alfred O'Kane for about five months. An agreement was not made for witness to treat O'Kane for a fee of 10s. 6d. weekly. The actual fee was 10s. 6d. per week. He first saw the man Eaton in March of last year. He was then suffering from dyspepsia, disease of the liver and kidneys. Plaintiff described the symptoms which caused him to conclude Eaton was suffering as stated. He examined the patient thoroughly before coming to this conclusion. No cancerous affection of the glands of the throat could be detected at that time. If such a disease had been present it would, doubtless, have caused a difficulty in swallowing, but not in assimilating food. He told Eaton he considered he was curable. Witness did not guarantee to give him a perfect cure. The fee was to be six guineas for every three months supply of treatment. He did not guarantee to cure Mr. Hearle. He never mentioned the word "guarantee," because so much depended upon the patient. He never promised to effect a complete cure in any case without qualifications stated at the time, either in printing or writing. The promise of a complete cure was not made with the intention of getting the patient to pay a higher fee. A patient entering into an agreement for a complete course of treatment and paying a lump sum would pay less in the aggregate than a patient who paid as he went along. When Eaton consulted him no mention was made of any growth in the patient's throat. He received a letter regarding Eaton's case, which he believed said Eaton's throat was affected. He did not receive a communication from his manager in Sydney before replying to that letter telling him he had better see about the case, as if anything happened to Eaton Mr. Hearle would have a post mortem on the body. He afterwards wrote a letter to Eaton, recommending certain treatment in order to keep up his strength. He could not account for the delay which took place in answering the letter referred to except that he was absent from Melbourne. It was not a fact that every letter was written from Melbourne. So far as he knew his clerks in Melbourne never answered letters regarding professional matters without consultation with him. It was not true that he had assured Eaton he would cure him in three months as stated in the article in question. He declined to reveal his business secrets or to give his business away. He believed he had as many as 150 formulae, of which he had acquired perhaps 20 or 30 since 1891. It was not true that in 1891 he offered to disclose the whole of his formulae for £50. An analyst would disclose some, but not all the curative ingredients his medicines contained. Witness was willing to submit to an analyst the ingredient named "stilingia," which was an American herb. This was prescribed in Eaton's case as a purifier to act on the general constitution. The value of the agreement to the patient such as that made with Butler was that plaintiff was bound under it to supply him with sufficient medicines to cure him. The effect of the agreement was not that plaintiff was enabled to blackmail his patients. Such a statement was absolutely false. The fact that the agreement contained the words, "to supply medicines at such times as Kugelmann in his discretion shall think fit," did not render it of any less value to the patient. Plaintiff believed he was correct in saying that Butler was not suffering from consumption of the throat or tubercular lungs when he first consulted plaintiff, notwithstanding an opinion said to have been given by a leading Sydney physician to that effect. Plaintiff was prepared to produce his letter-book for 1898, which might contain letters written to Butler. He was not certain that the copies of the letters were in the letter-book.

The cross-examination of plaintiff was not concluded when the Court rose for the day.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

A REVERSIONARY INTEREST SUIT.

Sinclair v. Elderton.

The hearing of arguments in this suit, which was brought to recover the balance of a reversionary interest, was continued, and had not been concluded when the Court rose.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker.)

CLAIM BY AN OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE.

Re Walter P. Lance. Messrs. Gordon and Bethune, instructed by Mr. A. W. M'Carthy for the official assignee, Mr. W. H. Palmer; Messrs. Pilcher, Q.C., and R. K. Manning, instructed by Messrs. Chenhall and Eddy, for the respondent. This was an application by the official assignee for an order directing Arthur Walker, the respondent, to hand over to the applicant all the bankrupt's goods, chattels, and assets. It was also asked that Walker be restrained from the sale of bankrupt's assets, and that he be required to pay to the official assignee the value of such of the bankrupt's goods as had been sold by the respondent or converted to respondent's own use.

Judgment was reserved.

(Before the Acting Registrar, Mr. P. H. Salusbury.)

SINGLE MEETINGS.

Re James M'Mahon. Adjourned by consent to March 7 for accounts to be prepared.

Re Charles Hercules Waterhouse. Bankrupt was examined by official assignee. Adjourned to March 21.

Re Thomas Wharton Tolley. Bankrupt was examined by the official assignee and Harold Morgan, a proved creditor. The examination was adjourned to February 28.

Re Mary Smith. The official assignee said the bankrupt could not be found. Search had been made for her since September. The examination was adjourned sine die.

Re Reginald B. Williams. No appearance. Examination adjourned sine die.

Re Thomas Sydney Siddens. Meeting and examination adjourned to February 28.

Re Joseph Ashcroft. Adjourned to March 7.

Re Roderick William Morrison. The official assignee said proceedings were pending with the view to a settlement. Adjourned to March 21.

Re Charles William Landerrou. Mr. L. Levy for official assignee. Bankrupt was examined, and his further examination was adjourned to February 16.

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re John King. No appearance. Struck out.

Re John William Lee. Mr. M. A. H. Fitzhardinge, for bankrupt, applied for adjournment. Adjourned to March 14.

SEQUESTRATIONS.

Amos Gosper, Wyalong West. Mr. N. F. Giblin, official assignee.

Thomas Holzhauser, of Sam's Corner, near Bemboka, farmer. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

John Alexander Stost and John Blanch Witt, Bethel-lane, off George-street North, cold storage warehousemen, trading as the Modern Ventilating and Refrigerating Company. Mr. N. F. Giblin, official assignee.

John Thomas Hawick, of Grenfell, labourer. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Judge Gibson.)

CLAIM FOR ALLEGED WRONGFUL SEIZURE.

John Baptiste Bassetti, of Paddington, sued John Brunton, trading as Brunton and Co., 180 Clarence-street, for £70 for seizure by defendant of plaintiff's waggon and 40½ sacks of flour, whereby plaintiff was injured and hindered in his business. Defendant pleaded not guilty. The plaintiff was nonsuited.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Stephen and juries.)

Mr. A. F. Dawson was Crown Prosecutor.

ALLEGED SHOOTING WITH INTENT.

The jury which had been locked up all night to consider the case of William Thomas Clifford who had pleaded not guilty to a charge of shooting at Miss Gladys Docker, with intent to do her grievous bodily harm, returned into court in the morning, and stated that they could not agree. Mr. T. Rose, who appeared for accused, asked for bail, which was refused. The accused was remanded to custody.

ACQUITTAL.

Joseph Strong pleaded not guilty to a charge that on October 28, at Sydney, he did maliciously inflict grievous bodily harm upon Walter Eckford. There was a further charge of beating and illtreating Eckford, occasioning him actual bodily harm. Mr. J. Carlos, instructed by Mr. T. J. Purcell, appeared for accused. His Honor, in summing up, said that he could hardly understand why the case had not been dealt with at the lower court. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and accused was discharged.

BREAKING AND ENTERING AND STEALING.

Charles Linden, John Mason, Robert D'Oursey, and Louisa Sue pleaded not guilty to a charge that on January 31, they did break and enter the dwelling-house of Jimmy Hong Gue, at Sydney, and steal therein a large quantity of property, including jewellery, clothing, and tools, the property of Jimmy Young and Ah Sam. There was a second count of receiving. Mr. Henderson appeared for D'Oursey; the other accused were undefended. The case for the prosecution was to the effect that the stolen property was found in possession of Linden and Sue, and that Linden, Mason, and D'Oursey had been seen carrying two boxes containing much of the property into a boarding-house from a cab. Accused Linden stated that he knew nothing of the goods when taxed with their possession, and Sue claimed some of them as her property. The place where the goods were had been broken into. More of the missing property was found at D'Oursey's abode. Other articles were found in a shop, the proprietor of which identified Linden as the seller of them. For the defence Linden stated that a man had brought the goods to his place and asked him to mind them. Mason maintained that some of the goods were his. D'Oursey stated that he had been asked to assist Linden and Mason and another man in carrying some boxes like those stolen. He knew nothing of the theft. The jury returned a verdict of stealing against Linden and Mason, and of receiving against D'Oursey and Sue. Linden was sentenced to penal servitude for three years, Mason to two years' imprisonment with hard labour, D'Oursey to 18 months' imprisonment with hard labour, and Sue to six months' imprisonment with light labour.

The Court adjourned to 10 a.m. to-day.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Backhouse and juries.)

Mr. W. L. Merewether was Crown Prosecutor.

ACQUITTAL.

Patrick Smith pleaded not guilty to a charge of robbery and assault upon John Carstairs at Sydney on December 14, 1899. Mr. C. Bull appeared for accused. A verdict of not guilty was returned and accused was discharged.

LARCENY.

James Walshe pleaded not guilty to a charge that on January 19 he did steal a matchbox, three knives, three spoons, a horseshoe, three boxes of perfumery, a purse, a money-box, and money to the amount of £1 18s 6d at Sydney, these being the property of Alice Cleary. Mr. C. Bull appeared for accused. The case for the prosecution was to the effect that accused, who had been trusted by prosecutor, and who had been engaged in a drinking bout with her and other persons on the night of the offence, had returned during the time the inmates were asleep, and stolen the goods. The defence was a denial of guilt, and a statement that on the evening of January 19 he was drunk and incapable of committing the offence. The jury, after a lengthy retirement, returned a verdict of guilty, and prisoner was remanded for sentence.

FELONIOUSLY WOUNDING.

Edith Schultz pleaded not guilty to a charge that on December 5 at Enfield she did maliciously wound Alexander Erskine. Mr. C. Bull appeared for accused. The prosecution was to the effect that accused had been employed as a housekeeper by Alexander Erskine, at the Cave, Croydon-avenue, Enfield. In consequence of threats by her, and alleged attempt at extortion of money from Erskine, he ordered her to leave his house. She refused to go without her wages and £40, which she considered due to her from him. An altercation occurred, and accused seized a dinner knife and stabbed prosecutor on the head and cut his hand. The injuries were very serious. She had previously threatened prosecutor with a knife. At a stage in the prosecution Mr. Bull announced that he had advised his client to take a certain course. Accused then made a statement that in consequence of intense provocation by Erskine she had in anger and partly in self-defence assaulted him. She had not been put in prosecutor's house as a spy. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and accused was remanded for sentence.

SENTENCES.

Henry Patrick Underwood, convicted of breaking and entering, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment with hard labour in Darlinghurst Gaol. William Graham, convicted of stealing from the person, was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour in Darlinghurst Gaol for three years.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Thursday, February 15.

Term List.—Motions Nisi for New Trial: Morton v. Quilter and others, same v. same. Motions Generally—Special Cases: In re T. F. Knox (as public officer of the British and Australasian Trust and Loan Company) and Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895 (the Commissioners of Taxation, respondents), Mitchell v. Ah King, Humbley v. Humphreys, same v. same.

No. 2 Jury Court.—Kugelman v. Norton (part heard).

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge.—At 10 a.m.: Lister v. Cowdery, motion for injunction. At 10.30 a.m.: Sinclair v. Elderton (part heard). At 2 p.m.: Josephs v. Cohen (part heard).

Master's Office.—At 10 a.m.: Company and Lunacy matters. At 11 a.m., Minister for Works and claim of Charlton, to inquire as to title. At 12 noon: Same, to approve of settlement. At 2 p.m.: Re Underwood Estate, to consider report on title.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary.—Grain v. McPherson, 11.

Before the Chief Clerk.—Abbey v. Sherwin, 2.30; Rule v. Dempsey, 2.30.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Registrar.—To pass accounts: At 10.45, Cornelius Ryan; at 11, Jas. Guilfoyle[?]; at 11.30, John Cameron.

In Bankruptcy.—Before his Honor the Judge.—At 10.30 a.m.: Re Kwong Tack, motion under section 75; re Ida Foster, motion to set aside bankruptcy notice. Before the Acting Registrar.—At 10.30 a.m.: Audit of accounts and plans. At 11 a.m.: Certificate applications. David Harley, jun., Ortho Order Dangar, Robert Robson M'Monies, John Hilton; re Joseph Westcott, motion for release of estate. Single meetings: Mary Agnes O'Brien, Mary Trescott, Charlie Ah On, David Fraser Munro; re Walter Percy Lance, public examination, re Tiy Chong, examination section 30.

DISTRICT COURT.—Thursday, February 15.

(Before his Honor Judge Gibson, at 10 a.m.)

M'Gregor v. Stuckey, Bates v. Standfield, Chen Chow v. Frank, Schmolitscheck v. Braddock, Asprey v. Bood, Wunderlich Patent Ceiling and Roofing Company, Limited, v. Madge, Banks v. Madge, Strand Electric Lighting Company, Limited, v. Brett, Evans v. Wythes. Note.—The list will be called over punctually at 10 a.m.

(Before the Registrar, in No. 2 Court.)

De Lucia v. Polley, 10.30 a.m.; Andrews v. Richardson, 10.30 a.m.; Brindley v. Griffiths, 10.45 a.m.; Casper v. Love, 11 a.m.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.—Thursday, February 15. Frederick Joseph Barber, assault; Henry Hunter, larceny.

QUARTER SESSIONS.—Thursday, February 15. Charles Joseph Horsley, forgery and uttering; William Charles Evans Morgan, forgery and uttering; Lewis Norman and William Johnson, stealing from the person; Herbert Clarke and William Coffey, stealing and receiving.

POLICE COURTS.

Travelling Without Paying Fares.—At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Isaacs, S.M., Carl Baur, 24, a seaman, and Emil Mobius, 26, a fireman, appeared to answer a charge of travelling by the steamer Burrawong from Kempsey to Sydney without previously paying their fares, 12s 6d, when demanded, and with intent to avoid payment thereof. The evidence was to the effect that both of the accused asked to be allowed to work their passage down, but the requests were refused. On the trip down both men were found to be on board. Each of the accused was fined 20s, or in default seven days' imprisonment.

Assault.—At the Water Police Court yesterday Bernie Neenan, 27, a labourer, appeared to answer a series of charges. He was first charged with assaulting Alexander Leigh in College-street on Tuesday last. It was shown that the prosecutor was passing down the street on his way home, when, without provocation, he was assaulted by the accused, who struck him on the head with a turnip, and kicked him in the groin. Accused was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour. He was further charged with assaulting Constable Walker while in the execution of his duty, by kicking him about the legs. Accused was sentenced to three months' gaol with hard labour, cumulative with the previous sentence. For using indecent language in College-street, accused was mulcted in the sum of 40s, with the alternative of 21 days' imprisonment; and for damaging a cell utensil, the property of the New South Wales Government, he was fined 10s, ordered to pay the amount of damage done, 3s 3d, or in default, 14 days' imprisonment.

A Suspected Person.—At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Edwards, S.M., John Doyle, aged 42, fireman, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour, on a charge of being a suspected person frequenting Hyde Park with intent to commit a felony.

Assault.—At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Edwards, S.M., William Gibbs Kerle, aged 40, engineer, was fined 20s, and 21s costs, or 14 days' imprisonment, for having unlawfully assaulted one Esther Lafalaise.

Stealing.—At the Newtown Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. Smithers, S.M., John Beaumont, aged 40, and Mary Beaumont, aged 42, were each charged with having stolen a pair of brass vases, valued at £2 10s, the property of J. G. Fenton, at St. Peters on February 10. The man was ordered to be imprisoned in Darlinghurst Gaol with hard labour for three months, and the woman to be imprisoned in Biloela Gaol with hard labour for one month.

Committed for Trial.—At the Central Police Court yesterday, Lee Imashue[?], 18, buggy driver, and John Calderwood, 19, labourer, were charged in company with others with having assaulted Sydney Edward Vernon. Prosecutor stated that on February 2, while carting from the Union Company's wharf Calderwood took a bunch of bananas off his cart. In attempting to prevent him he was struck in the face; a scuffle followed, and both men rolled to the ground. Joseph Lee, fruiterer, who gave evidence for the prosecution, said he had been threatened several times by the "Bathurst-street Gang," and these threats had been renewed because he appeared as a witness in the present case. Robert Parker, in the employ of Joseph Lee, corroborated the last witness's evidence, and he also said he had been threatened. The accused were committed for trial at the sessions. Bail in £50 was allowed.

Theft of Jewellery.—At the Water Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. F. S. Isaacs, S.M., Thomas Henderson, 28, a labourer, and Olive Marsh, 23, were charged with having in company stolen a gold watch and chain and a locket of the value of £10, the property of Charles Martin. A large amount of evidence was tendered, with the result that the male accused was discharged, and the female accused was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

WATER LICENSING COURT.

The weekly meeting of the Water Licensing Court was held yesterday. Messrs. C. Delohery, S.M. (Chairman), F. S. Isaacs, S.M., and F. Penny, L.M., presided. The following transfers of publicans' licenses were granted:—James Henry Steel to C. F. Cullen, Osborne Hotel, Woolloomooloo; Ellen Jean Lockwood to Marie R. Thorne, Printer's Arms Hotel, Liverpool-street; Howard D. Stainer to Rebecca Milton, Bristol Arms Hotel, Sussex-street. The transfer of a colonial wine license was granted from Arthur Augustus Brett to John Norton, 112 King-street, Sydney. The Bench also dealt with a number of booth licenses and music permits. Mr. Penny, who took his seat on this bench for the first time since recovering from illness, was congratulated by Mr. G. Wallace on behalf of the legal profession on his resumption of business. Mr. Penny responded.

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

DEEPENING OF THE PARRAMATTA RIVER.

The work of deepening the Parramatta River, for which the sum of £5000 was recently voted by Parliament, is being proceeded with, and it would seem that the proposal is to cut a drain in the centre of the river bed and slope the sides towards this. It was understood that the Minister for Works had promised to receive a deputation from the Parramatta Progress Association in reference to this matter as soon as he had received the officers' report on the work but this has not been done, and the work is being proceeded with. At a meeting of the Parramatta Progress Association on Monday evening, there was a general expression of disapproval of the methods adopted by the department, and it was resolved to ask the Minister to receive a deputation on the subject at an early date. The general wish seems to be that the work should be deferred till such time as the Minister has heard the views of the deputation.

ELECTION OF MAYOR.

At a special meeting of the Parramatta Borough Council last night for the election of Mayor, Alderman Moxham was proposed by Alderman Saunders, and seconded by Alderman Price. Alderman W. Noller was proposed by Alderman Toohey, and seconded by Alderman Brown. The voting was seven to three in favour of Alderman Moxham, who was thus re-elected for the fourth time in succession.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AT AUBURN.

At a meeting of the Auburn Municipal Council on Tuesday night, Alderman J. R. H. Gibbons, the retiring Mayor, and Alderman Taylor were nominated to the position of Mayor for the ensuing 12 months. On being put to the vote Alderman Gibbons was elected. He thanked the aldermen for the honour they had again conferred upon him.

The Baulkham Hills Progress Association intends to keep up the agitation for a tramline to Parramatta. At last meeting of the Parramatta Progress Association a letter was received from the Baulkham Hills Association, asking co-operation in the effort. The request was complied with, and Messrs. C. B. Cairnes, John Toohey, J. W. Hill, and John Waugh were appointed to represent the Parramatta Association on the deputation.

At present there are 80 applicants for the 10 vacancies in the ranks of the Parramatta half-squadron of Lancers. An effort is now being made to get the sanction of the Minister for Defence for the formation of another half-squadron of Lancers, as it is thought that the headquarters should be entitled to a full squadron.

At the Parramatta Police Court yesterday morning Edward Jackson was charged with breaking and entering the premises of L. Whitehead, of Palmer-street, Parramatta, and stealing therefrom one coat, one lady's silver watch, and one silk handkerchief, valued at £4 10s. Accused was committed to take his trial at the next Court of Quarter Sessions, to be held in Sydney on March 1.

Parramatta experienced some very heavy rain yesterday morning between 6 and 8 o'clock. The rain fell in torrents, and in the two hours nearly an inch of rain fell. It will do a great deal of good to the pastures and the orchards.

There was a very large gathering at the Rosehill bowling green last night, when an open-air concert was given by the bowling club. Mr. Harry Rickards attended and sang the "Absent-minded Beggar," getting a great ovation. A good sum was collected for the Patriotic Fund. The concert was a very enjoyable one. Mr. George O'Shea presided at the piano.

The Opening of Parramatta Park Fete. See this week's "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

"Sons of the Empire," the Legge family, five of whom are fighting at the front—a splendid page in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

The New School of Arts at Berrigan—a picture in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

THE DRINK.—PAR EXCELLENCE. Fry's Cocoa. Be sure you get Fry's.—Advt.

AMUSEMENTS.

MISS TRACEY'S CONCERT.

Mr. Ernest Truman organised a pleasant concert at the Y.M.C.A. Hall last night in order to introduce Miss Frances Tracey, a youthful amateur pianist, who will doubtless be heard to better advantage after two or three years' further study. Miss Tracey played with feeling and care Schumann's "Concerto op. 54," in which she received the support of her master at a second piano; but in her solos, notably in Chopin's familiar "Scherzo in B flat minor," and in a later piece, in which a failure of memory involved the temporary discomfiture of the player, the qualities were lacking which would have removed the interpretation from the sphere of average drawing-room performance. Mr. Woodhouse, who has returned from Tasmania in stronger and clearer voice, introduced with success the new song "In the Woods of Dandenong," poetical verse by Victor J. Daley, set to music by Mr. E. Truman, who accompanied the singer. The joyous and soaring spirit of the theme was chastened by plaintive modulations, which gave it tenderness and distinction. Mme. Helen Roze introduced Mr. Truman's setting of "Hark, Hark, my Soul," a dignified, melodious, and eminently "vocal" piece of music, in which the soprano employed her flute-like voice with judgment. Mrs. Ernest Truman, who was in excellent voice, sang with feeling the beautiful song, "Mon Cœur s'ouvre à ta Voix," from "Samson and Delila." M. Staell played with polished fluency and precision Zarzozky's "Mazurka," and Mr. Truman rendered Batiste's "Offertoire in D" as an organ solo. Mr. Lawrence Campbell, who was encored with enthusiasm for the speech of Marullus in "Julius Cæsar," added "Two Points of View." Later in the evening the popular elocutionist realised £1 15s by his spirited delivery of "The Absent-minded Beggar." This sum, and the net proceeds of the concert, will be handed over to the Patriotic Fund.

THE CIVIC CONCERTS.

Yesterday afternoon's civic concert was opened by the City Organist with the overture to Mozart's "Il Flauto Magico," and two other especially fine pieces were rendered. These were the captivating "Larghetto" from Beethoven's "Second Symphony," in which M. Wiegand employed a variety of charming reed stops and "swell" organ effects; and Guilmant's "Marche Funebre et Chant Seraphique," in which the two portions of the compositions were touchingly contrasted. An especially noteworthy contribution to the programme was Miss Coutts-Duvalli's harp solo "Autumn" (Thomas), marked by brilliant executive power in alliance with an eloquently expressive tone. The applause would have justified a repetition. Miss Millie Wynn won hearty acceptance with "Ernani Involami," and Miss Lilian Bellett, who has a sympathetic soprano voice, did fairly well in "The Old and the Young Marie." Mr. Nicholas Gehde was the accompanist. There will be another concert on Saturday evening.

THEATRE ROYAL.

The final matinee of "Tess of the d'Urbervilles" will be given at the Theatre Royal to-day. Afternoon tea and ices will be dispensed as usual between the acts. On Saturday "Trilby" will be revived for the first time in four years, when Miss Edith Crane will be seen in her original character as Trilby.

THE CIVIC CONCERTS.

The city organist has addressed a circular letter to the Mayor and aldermen of the city upon the arrangement of the civic concerts. The chief point taken by M. Wiegand is that the scheme as now conducted is quite different from that originally suggested by himself. His simple and inexpensive suggestion was to keep strictly to the organ recitals, with one or two vocal numbers to relieve the programme, at an extra cost of £4 4s. Instead of this, the recitals have been turned into miscellaneous concerts, the Saturday expenses of which average £21. So that, instead of the council being saddled with a probable £4 a week, Mr. Wiegand has received a letter from the town clerk informing him that the concerts must produce a weekly revenue of £22 10s to cover expenses, of which sum £11 10s is to pay artists. As part of this subject, Mr. Wiegand states that his recitals paid handsomely as long as they were regularly given; but that attendances fell away owing to arbitrary changes of the days of performance, which changes were insufficiently advertised. Last year "the finest organ in the world" was closed for weeks together, and thus both the ratepayers and the visitors who form the floating population of the city were unable to hear it. The city organist closes by warning the council that if the proposal to form a chorus of singers for the civic concerts be carried out, not only will additional expense be incurred, but the council will also lay itself open to the reproach of unfairly competing with such well-established amateur societies as the Liedertafel and the Philharmonic.

NEW SOUTH WALES COTTON.

REPORTS FROM SPINNERS AND BROKERS.

Last year the Department of Agriculture forwarded to London samples of cotton grown by Mr. J. Mills at Ashfield and by Mr. A. M. Howell at Moonbi. The samples were submitted to the principal firm of cotton spinners in Manchester, and also a well-known firm of cotton brokers in London. The manufacturers report:—

No. 1, Abasi.—This cotton has a fair staple up to 1¼in. long, but except in colour it does not compare favourably with Abasi grown in Egypt, having neither the fineness nor the smoothness; it seems to us to be more of the nature of a rough Peruvian cotton. Its preparation is good and the cotton is clean. The length of the staple is somewhat irregular, but this could probably be altered, as we understand it is only at present a new plant. There is no doubt that there would be a market for it at from 4d to 5d per lb. in a normal season, laid down in Liverpool or Manchester.

No. 2, Brown Egyptian.—This cotton is very short, but strong, and would probably rank on a level with Egyptian comber waste, but it would have the addition of being freer from nep. It would probably sell at from 3d to 3½d, according to the price of waste.

No. 3, Herbaceum.—This cotton has a staple from ⅞in. to 1in. in length, and might do as a substitute for broach or Bengals. Preparation is good, also strength. It should command a sale, laid down in Liverpool, at from 3½d to 4d.

No. 4, American, unginned seed (Moonbi).—It is difficult to form an opinion upon this sample, but when ginned think it would be similar to Linders, which sell at about 1d below middling American. This would depend upon it coming out as regular in staple as Linders.

In conclusion these manufacturers state that all the samples are valuable, and that their growth in the colony should be encouraged.

The cotton brokers have sent the following valuation:—

No. 1 Abasi.—White in colour, silky staple, but somewhat irregular in length; value, 6½d to 6¾d per lb.

No. 2, Egyptian.—Clearly grown from Brown Egyptian seed, but shows markedly the effect of climate upon it, as it has lost the silkiness and wiry staple so characteristic of Egyptian cotton; value, 5½d per lb.

No. 3, Herbaceum.—Clean and white, but rather short staple; value, 4½d per lb.

No. 4, Moonbi.—Cotton in seed, largely unripe, short staple, value very doubtful, 1½d to 1¾d per lb.

Mr. Campbell, Chief Inspector of Agriculture, is of opinion that the cultivation of Egyptian cotton might prove remunerative in many parts of the colony.

TRANSIT COMMISSION.

The weekly meeting of the Board of Transit Commissioners was held yesterday; his Worship the Mayor (Sir Matthew Harris) in the chair. At the request of the Petersham council it was decided to remove the first cab in front of the Lewisham railway station. An application from N. Baumann to alter the route of his omnibuses was refused, as it would be likely to cause racing with the Leichhardt vehicles. Fourteen omnibus horses found to be in unfit condition during the week were condemned, the report being that they were overworked and badly cared for. Sixty summonses were ordered to be issued against the drivers of unlicensed vehicles and against unlicensed drivers still plying for hire without having renewed their licenses. A complaint was received with reference to a number of omnibuses plying for hire on Sunday last between Kensington platform and the grounds where the Bushmen's Contingent is located. The board decided to caution the owners of any omnibuses about going there without permission, and to issue a permit to any omnibus proprietor who had a spare omnibus to run between those points, conditional upon running during the week.

THE ROBERTS ROYAL COMMISSION.

The Royal Commission appointed to inquire into and report upon the charges that have been made against Mr. James Roberts, tramway manager, terminated its sittings in the boardroom of the Colonial Secretary's Office yesterday morning. His Honor Judge Rogers is Commissioner; Mr. W. Edmunds, instructed by Mr. R. W. W. M'Coy, appeared for Mr. J. C. Watson, M.L.A., at whose suggestion the Commission was appointed; and Mr. Kelynack, instructed by Mr. Pratt, appeared for Mr. Roberts.

Mr. W. Edmunds, in support of the charges, addressed the Commission at considerable length, dealing with the charges seriatim. He contended that the conduct of Mr. Roberts in borrowing small sums of money from various employees holding minor positions was calculated to injure and destroy the discipline of the service. In connection with the raffling of Mr. Roberts' studs by Martin, he argued that the evidence showed that Mr. Roberts had induced Martin to take the course he did on the understanding that he would be remunerated for telling an untruth. The case of Cook showed that this man had suffered a gross injustice, and that his life had practically been ruined by the charge which had been brought against him. In conclusion, Mr. Edmunds urged that the evidence tendered proved that the charges made were warranted.

The Commission was then adjourned to enable his Honor to prepare his report.

Another batch of Banjo Paterson's War Pictures are given in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

CAPE OR PACIFIC CABLE.

ACTION OF THE SYDNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Strong objections have been taken in Queensland to the proposal of the Eastern Extension Company for the construction of a cable between Australia and the Cape. It was yesterday announced from Brisbane that the Queensland Postmaster-General was in receipt of a telegram from the Sydney Chamber of Commerce supporting his action in objecting to the proposal of the company, on the ground that it would prejudice the Pacific cable. With a view to ascertaining the attitude of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce on the question, a representative of the "Herald" yesterday interviewed Mr. H. C. Mitchell, the secretary of the chamber, as to what action had been taken. Mr. Mitchell said that at a meeting of the chamber held on September 11 last a letter was received from Mr. Squire (E. and E. Company), on the question of the Cape cable, proposing a reduction in cable rates provided the Governments of the various colonies allowed the company to establish a telegraphic bureau. The communication gave rise to considerable discussion, and ultimately it was resolved,—"That while still strongly advocating the proposed construction of a Pacific cable, this Chamber of Commerce considers that the proposal now put forward by the Eastern Extension Company for the establishment of a bureau is one that should be adopted, believing it will be to the immediate benefit of those using the cable both in the matter of cost and facilities for doing business. The South African vote should, however, participate in the immediate reduction." The question was not again dealt with until the 12th instant, when a telegram was despatched to the Postmaster-General of Queensland in the following words: "Our Chamber has consistently advocated the Pacific cable, and will be pleased to see an early consummation of the same." This was the telegram no doubt referred to as having been received at Brisbane supporting the attitude of the Queensland Postmaster-General in his opposition to the Cape cable. While still advocating the Pacific cable no objections were raised against the proposal of the Eastern Extension Company to construct a line via the Cape.

BALMAIN NEW FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

The ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the Balmain New Ferry Company, Limited, was held at the Central Hall, Darling-street, Balmain, last night. The chairman of directors (Mr. W. C. Macdougall) occupied the chair, and was supported on the platform by the following co-directors:—Alderman H. B. Swan, Captain Thomas Napier, A. Gow, J. H. Wise, A. Rodrick, John A. Oag, and the secretary (Mr. T. C. Grattan). The secretary read the last half-yearly report, which showed the gross earnings for the six months to be £7,055 18s 8d; the working expenses totalled £4,617 0s, leaving a gross surplus of £2,438 18s 8d. From this sum had been written the usual amounts for depreciation, totalling £751 16s 10d, and leaving a net profit for the half-year's working of £1686 16s 10d. Attention was drawn to the increased traffic receipts and the consequent larger net profits, which exceeded those of the previous six months by £315. Regret was expressed that the Pyrmont ferry branch did not share in the general increase in prosperity, owing chiefly to the action of the Government in closing so many of the roads to and from the landing steps at Pyrmont. Long and earnest consideration had been given to the design of the proposed new steamer, which it is the wish of the directors should excel anything the company has yet put on the water. The design determined on includes an iron hull, the upper structure, with slight improvements, to be similar to that of the Lady Hampden. In point of size it will be larger and more commodious than the Lady Hampden, and with increased steaming power. The present balance to the credit of profit and loss amounts to £4695 4s 7d, and the directors recommended placing £200 to insurance reserve and the payment of a dividend at the rate of £10 per cent. per annum, which would leave a net balance of £3247 14s 7d, which it was recommended should be carried forward towards the new steamer.

The treasurer's balance-sheet showed that the repairs to the company's fleet for the six months amounted to £606 15s; wages, £2494 2s 1d; general expenses, £101 1s 7d; charter fees amounted to £174. Amongst the income, traffic receipts were shown at £6255 1s 1d; advertisements, £62 10s; return for charter, £688 16s; and interest, £49 2s 7d. The balance brought forward was £4895 4s 7d.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, and congratulated the shareholders on the increased success of the company. The resolution was seconded pro forma by Mr. J. A. Fitzsimons, who later on moved an amendment,—"That the new boat should have a wooden hull in place of iron," which was carried, and the report as amended was adopted.

Two of the directors, viz., Messrs. W. C. Macdougall and A. Rodrick, retired by rotation, and together with Messrs. J. A. Fitzsimons, William Hansford, and W. Moffitt Burns were nominated as candidates for the vacancies. A show of hands was taken, and resulted in favour of Messrs. Rodrick and Macdougall. A poll was demanded by Mr. Fitzsimons, and the requisite number of shareholders having supported him, it will be taken on the 27th instant. Mr. W. B. Simpson was appointed returning officer, and Captain Sheed and Mr. C. Still scrutineers. Mr. A. R. Kerr was elected as auditor unopposed. The salary of the returning officer was set down at £5 5s, and that of the scrutineers at £2 2s each. The remuneration of the directors for the ensuing year was fixed at £210, on the motion of Alderman Campbell. A demand for a ballot on the question as to whether it should be £210 or £140, as last year, was acceded to, after a deal of discussion. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN UNION.

A conversazione was held last evening in the Great Hall of the University under the auspices of the Sydney University Christian Union for the purpose of bidding farewell to Mr. W. H. Sallmon, M.A., the late secretary of the Australasian Student Christian Union, and at the same time extending a welcome to his successor, Mr. J. T. M'William, B.A. The hall was tastefully decorated with pot plants, &c. The guests, who numbered fully 200, began to arrive about 8 o'clock, and were received at the entrance by Dr. Pain (president of the Australasian Student Christian Union), Mr. Robson (president), and the members of the executive of the Sydney University Christian Union. Among those who accepted invitations were the Hon. John See, Mrs. See, and the Misses See, the right Hon. G. H. Reid and Mrs. Reid, Dr. R. N. Morris and Miss Morris, the Rev. Dr. Lawes, Dr. M'Kenzie, Dr. M'Clelland, the Rev. W. G. and Mrs. Taylor, the Rev. Robert Dey, Mrs. Dey, and Miss Dey, B.A., and others. A musical programme was carried out under the direction of Mr. Arnold R. Mote, who presided at the organ. The opening item was a solo "Hungarian March" on the organ, after which Miss Ernestine Loust sang "Lovely Spring" and "The Sea hath its Pearls." Mr. Harry Freeman contributed selections on the cornet. Mrs. J. F. Truscott sang "Lieti Signor" and "The Worker." The programme also included several selections on the organ by Mr. Mote. During the evening Dr. Pain delivered a short address, in which he spoke of the valuable services rendered to the Australasian Union by Mr. Sallmon during the three years that he occupied the position of secretary. At the same time he (Dr. Pain) on behalf of the members extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Sallmon's successor. He then presented to Mr. Sallmon an address bound in Morocco, and beautifully illuminated with views of the various Australasian Universities. Mr. Sallmon, who is returning home to Canada, through Palestine, Turkey, and Southern Europe, where he intends visiting the various students unions, suitably responded. Supper was afterwards served, and a pleasant evening spent.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF SHEEP AT SHOWS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—As Mr. Webb seems desirous of reopening the question of classification, kindly permit me to reply. At our show in 1898 a Tasmanian ram was entered in a wrong class and disqualified. Our executive maintains that breeders of stud sheep should know what they are breeding, more especially those who are looked upon as the leading studmasters of the colonies, and have been breeding stud sheep for over 50 years. It is contended that the association should not be called upon to classify, and that the breeder when entering his sheep ought and should be able to judge whether they are fine, medium, or strong wool, and to enable him to do so we are preparing cards with certified specimens of these classes, with a notification to breeders that if any doubt exists as to the class in which they should enter they need only send to the association samples of wool taken from certain parts of the animal, and these will be submitted to an acknowledged expert, who will determine. The breeder will then know how to enter. Mr. Webb states that fine wool sheep have won in the strong class and the strong in the fine. This is incorrect. If such were the case it would be a gross reflection on the ability of the judges, and the gentlemen selected were looked upon and are acknowledged as the most expert in Australasia. In fact, our selection could not be surpassed, and it is very questionable if equalled. It has always been the aim of the association to obtain the services of the most competent men, and in this direction we have been singularly successful. Mr. Webb's aim is to make a drafting yard of the show, and this the great bulk of the breeders object to. And as to placing the fine, medium, and strong of the same age together, although of three distinct classes, it would only tend to confusion and be of no possible advantage to the breeder. As each class and age are brought into the judges' enclosure separately, and there and then determined as to their merits, it is only when the grand championship is decided that all the principal winners, irrespective of age or class, are put together. The steps we are taking to prevent sheep being entered in the wrong class are such that should give satisfaction to all. Once this is attained we only need a well-lighted building, with the necessary conveniences, to make our show the greatest object lesson of its class not only in Australasia, but the world, so far as merino sheep are concerned. I am, &c.,

A. H. PRINCE,
Secretary N.S.W. Sheepbreeders' Association.
February 14.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

Pony and galloway races will to-day be held at Kensington, the first event starting at 2.45 p.m. Special omnibus services will run to the course from the Bridge, Newtown; Brougham-street and the Broadway, Glebe; Centennial Park Gates, Woollahra; and Nelson-street, Waverley. In addition to the ordinary service to Randwick a tram will leave Bent-street at 12.55 p.m.

Seamew was yesterday struck out of the Hurdle Race to be run at Rosehill on Saturday.

Owing to the heavy downfall of rain on Tuesday evening and Wednesday forenoon it was found advisable yesterday to postpone until to-morrow the race meeting to be held at Randwick in aid of the fund for the Bushmen's Contingent. Wednesday afternoon was fine, and the necessity for the alteration was the subject of general regret.

Entries for the pony and galloway races to be held at Forest Lodge on Monday next close with the secretary, Mr. T. S. Donnellan, before 5 p.m. to-morrow. Particulars of the programme will be found in the advertising columns.

Murrumbidgee race meeting was yesterday granted registration by the A.J.C.

Grand Duchess out of the Hurdle Race and Magnet out of the Contingent Handicap were the scratchings recorded yesterday in connection with the Bushmen's Contingent race meeting.

Colonel Mackenzie, A.A.G. of the New South Wales Military Forces, has, in response to the offer of the executive of the Kensington proprietary, to hold a race meeting in aid of the Bushmen's Contingent Fund, stated that "owing to the very short time at the disposal of the contingent it is thought better to decline the very kind offer of the committee." It appears that the race meeting being held at Kensington will seriously interfere with the drilling of the troops at a time when not a minute can well be spared. The Kensington committee has, however, done very well, as its contribution to the fund from the 6d admission charged to view the camp has already reached £120, which will be considerably increased before the departure of the troops.

The monthly meeting of the A.J.C. committee takes place to-day, and the principal item on the business is the case of F. Fielder, the well-known jockey who was disqualified for three years for suspicious riding last month. The A.J.C. are re-opening the case to admit fresh evidence in response to a petition which was signed by a number of influential gentlemen.

The steady rain that fell on Tuesday night was badly required at Randwick. The racecourse had become very parched and dusty during the long spell of dry weather, but the rain laid the dust and freshened up the racecourse splendidly.

Mr. B. Allan has donated £5 towards the expenses of the Bushmen's Contingent race meeting.

COOTAMUNDRA TURF CLUB.

FIRST DAY.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

COOTAMUNDRA, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Cootamundra Turf Club was commenced to-day in fine but very warm weather. The attendance was fair, and included visitors from the metropolis, Wagga, Gundagai, Temora, Junee, and other centres of population in the Riverina district. Owing to the late drought the track was very dry and dusty. Coin II., by Goldmaster, trained by J. Lynch at Randwick, scored in the opening event, having disputed favouritism with Patch. The Martini-Henry gelding Engineer, who started at an outside price for the Welter Handicap, put down a warm favourite in Nigger, who ran in the back division most of the way, and he was again pulled out for the Bracelet, for which backers had to lay a shade of odds on, and which he secured easily. Corncob was the only withdrawal from the Cootamundra Cup, for which 14 started. When the betting opened Eulong was installed favourite; but later on Caricature received such staunch support that he started equal favourite with the son of Gibraltar. The well-backed horses, however, had nothing to say in the settlement of affairs, for Earl Olive took command at the mile post, and was not afterwards headed. The winner was bred at Gumby Gumby, near Wagga, by Mr. E. W. Donnelly, and is owned by an Adelong sportsman, W. Hassett. He was backed at remunerative prices by his immediate party, but the general public did not benefit by his success. Wollogorang was made an odds on favourite for the Summer Handicap, which brought out 11 starters, Nigger and Coin II. being the only others backed. Nigger cut out all the work, but Wollogorang came very fast in the straight, and, catching the leader at every stride, the judge was unable to separate the pair as they flashed past the post. In the run off, backers laid odds of 3 to 1 on Wollogorang, who won from end to end. Subjoined are the details of the racing:—

Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Mr. R. J. Newland's Coin II., by Goldmaster, 9st 7lb (Wheeler), 1; Mr. T. Strenlon's Lottie, 7st 5lb (Phillips), 2; Mr. S. Clarke's Caroline, 9st 5lb (Hansford), 3. Other starters: Nym, 8st 8lb, Patch, 8st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 each v. Coin II. and Patch, 4 to 1 each v. Caroline and Nym, 20 to 1 v. Lottie. Won by a length and a half. Time, 1 minute 19 seconds.

Welter Handicap, 7 furlongs.—Mr. S. Clarke's Engineer, by Martini-Henry—Enigma, 9st 10lb (Stainford), 1; Mr. C. Williamson's Gipsy Girl, 9st 4lb (Bernie), 2; Mr. L. N. Smith's Nigger, 9st 7lb (Lawler), 3. Other starters: Kendall, 8st 9lb; Steersman, 9st 4lb; Manoa, 9st 7lb; Kinderspiel, 9st 1lb; Nineteen Hundred (late Dosey), 9st 7lb; Dunrell, 8st 5lb; Robin Grey, 8st. Betting: 3 to 1 v. Nigger, 4 to 1 v. Manoa, 5 to 1 each v. Engineer and Kendall, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by two lengths. Time, 1 minute 34 seconds.

Cootamundra Cup, 1½ mile.—Mr. E. Hassett's Earl Olive, by Sir Oliver—Earl Mare, 7st (W. H. Jordan), 1; Mr. W. W. M'Lean's Trichord, 9st 3lb (Lawler), 2; Mr. W. C. Roberts's Montana, 7st 12lb (Coffey), 3. Other starters: Eastern King, 7st 10lb; Triend, 8st 9lb; Cyrus, 8st; The Desert, 8st; Sodi, 7st 13lb; Eulong, 7st 12lb; Lottie, 7st 5lb; Caricature, 7st 9lb; Dunaway, 8st 1lb; Cerise and Blue, 8st 7lb; Grafton[?], 6st 7lb. Betting: 4 to 1 each v. Caricature and Eulong, 8 to 1 each v. Triend and Trichord, 10 to 1 v. Eastern King, The Desert, Cyrus, Sodi, and Earl Olive, 20 to 1 v. others. Lottie showed the way past the stand, but as they turned out of the straight Earl Olive shot to the front, and followed by Cyrus, Eulong, and Eastern King, led along the back stretch by five lengths. Trichord, Montana, and Triend, followed Earl Olive into the straight, and the son of Sir Oliver holding his own to the finish, won comfortably by two lengths from Trichord, who beat Montana by a length and a half for second place. Triend, Eulong, and Eastern King followed as named, with Sodi last. Time, 2 minutes 18½ seconds.

Bracelet, 1 mile 1 furlong.—Mr. S. Clarke's Engineer, by Martini-Henry—Enigma, 8st 6lb, including 7lb penalty (Stainford), 1; Mr. J. Osborne's Nineteen Hundred (late Dosey), 7st 9lb (Barton), 2; Mr. F. A. Browne's Kinderspiel, 8st 5lb (Brown), 3. Kendall, 8st 13lb, also ran. Betting: 6 to 4 on Engineer, 3 to 1 each v. Nineteen Hundred and Kendall. Kendall and Kinderspiel cut out the work to the home turn, where the favourite came through and won easily by a length from Nineteen Hundred, who was six lengths clear from Kinderspiel. Kendall was a length off last. Time, 2 minutes 5 seconds.

Summer Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Mr. F. M'Grath's Wollogorang, by Lord Dundonald[?]—Sunbeam, 8st 5lb (L. Kuhn), 1; Mr. L. N. Smith's Nigger, by Trident—Cinderella, 8st 2lb (Lawler), 2; Mr. R. J. Newland's Coin II., 9st (Wheeler), 3. Other starters: Caroline, 9st; Gipsy Girl, 8st; Nym, 8st; Sodi, 7st 12lb; Steersman, 7st 10lb; Patch, 7st 7lb; Corncob, 7st 5lb; Currawang, 8st 7lb. Betting: 6 to 4 on Wollogorang, 5 to 1 v. Nigger, 6 to 1 v. Coin II., 10 to 1 v. others. Nigger set the pace until fairly in the straight, when Wollogorang came with a resolute run, and catching the leader at every stride made a dead heat of it. Coin II. was three lengths off third, Sodi fourth, and Currawang last. Time, 1 minute 19 seconds. Wollogorang was favourite for the run-off at 3 to 1 on, and he won all the way. Time, 1 minute 19½ seconds.

QUIRINDI JOCKEY CLUB.

QUIRINDI, Wednesday.

The first day of the annual races here was a great success. There was a large attendance, and the weather was splendid.

Opening Handicap of 25 sovs, 6 furlongs.—Broom, by Bass—Belle Mahone, 8st 7lb, 1; Lady Asthore, 7st 5lb, 2; Raven, 8st 4lb, 3. Other starters: Cadmus, 7st 12lb; Stilts, 8st 12lb. Betting: 2 to 1 each v. Stilts and Cadmus, 3 to 1 v. Lady Asthore, 4 to 1 v. Broom, 5 to 1 v. others. Raven led from the start to the bend into the straight; Broom then took charge and won by four lengths. Time, 1 minute 18 seconds.

Pace Welter of 15 sovs, 7 furlongs.—Harry K., by Athelstan[?]—Unknown, 7st 10lb, 1; Verdict, 7st 7lb, 2; Misfortune, 7st 10lb, 3. Other starters: Au Revoir, 10st; Bonnal, 9st; Avrenim, 8st. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Au Revoir, 4 to 1 v. others. Harry K. led round the bend, followed by Misfortune, Verdict, Au Revoir, Bonnal, and Avrenim. At the turn into the straight Au Revoir ran on the outside and could not gain the leader. Won comfortably by two lengths. Time, 1 minute 35 seconds.

Park Stakes, of 15 sovs, 6 furlongs.—Nebraska, by Cannosola[?]—Rosa, 7st 10lb, 1; More Belle, 7st 10lb, 2; Trial, 7st 7lb, 3. Other starters: Miss Minerva, 8st 5lb; Breganza, 7st 10lb; Barcona, 7st 7lb. Betting: 3 to 1 each v. More Belle and Miss Minerva, 4 to 1 each v. others. More Belle took up the running, followed by Trial, Miss Minerva, and Breganza. At the bend Trial and More Belle were together, with the other close up, and Barcona in the rear. Nebraska came through and won by a length. Time, 1 minute 23 seconds.

Tattersall's Handicap of 45 sovs, 1 mile.—Raven, by Idalium[?]—Camranilla[?], 7st 10lb, 1; Rotagivan[?], 8st 10lb, 2; Valor, 10st 2lb, 3. Other starters: Au Revoir, 9st 5lb; Alex, 7st 7lb; Stilts, 6st 7lb. Betting: 6 to 4 on Rotagivan, 4 to 1 v. Valor, 6 to 1[?], 10 to 1 v. others. Raven led all the way and won comfortably. Time, 1 minute 48 seconds.

Hack Race, 6 furlongs.—Laureate, by Tricolour—Laura, 9st, 1; Coral, 7st, 2; Avrenim, 8st 12lb, 3. Other starters: Verdict, 9st 5lb; Cesuclere[?], 9st 10lb; Romanza, 8st; Breganza, 8st; Trinket, 7st 12lb; J. J. B., 7st; Rena, 7st. Betting: 3 to 1 v. Laureate, 4 to 1 to 1 v. others. Won by a head. Time, 1 minute 23 seconds.

Visitors' Handicap of 15 sovs.—Miss Minerva, by Fortsworth—Minerva, 7st 5lb, 1; Virtue, 8st 12lb, 2; Lady Asthore, 7st 5lb, 3. Other starters: Field Gun, 8st 4lb; Misfortune, 8st 10lb; Harry K., 8st 10lb; Trial, 8st 7lb. Betting: 3 to 1 each v. Virtue and Field Gun, 5 to 1 v. others. Won by a length. Time, 1 minute 20 seconds.

TASMANIAN RACING CLUB MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The Summer Meeting of the Tasmanian Racing Club was continued at Elwick to-day with fine weather and a large attendance. The results were:—

Selling Race.—Mr. E. M'Coombe's Carlos, 8st (Tomlin), 1; Mr. C. Agnew's Massena, 7st 2lb (Cooper), 2; Mr. M. Doyle's Bettina, 8st 7lb (Payne), 3. Eight started. Carlos won by three lengths, with the same distance between second and third. Time, 1 minute 6 seconds. Totalisator dividend, £7 9s.

Hurdle Race.—Mr. F. Graveley's Lighthouse, 9st 11lb (Fowler), 1; Mr. E. Harris's Excel, 10st 12lb (Smith), 2; Mr. J. R. Abbott's J. F., 11st 12lb (Morris), 3. Other starters: Fiddlestring, Le Soleil, The Flirt, Volunteer. Fiddlestring and Le Soleil fell. Won easily. Time, 2 minutes 57 seconds. Totalisator dividend, £2 18s.

Glenorchy Handicap.—Mr. S. Leslie's Rapid, 8st 5lb (Stebbings), 1; Mr. R. C. Field's Memories, 7st 2lb (Cooper), 2; Mr. M. Doyle's Bunnip, 10st 7lb (Pearce), 3. Other starters: Alberton, Mounette. Won by two lengths. Time, 1 minute 19 seconds. Totalisator dividend, 9s.

Wilson Stakes.—Mrs. W. Beaumont's The Sirdar, 6st 12lb (Stebbings), 1; Mr. Castine's Ascot, 8st 7lb (Morris), 2; Mr. Doyle's Grendes[?], 6st 7lb (Harrison), 3. Other starters: Loch Leigh, Trendle, The Seaman, Guardsman, Larissa. Won by three lengths, with half a length separating second and third. Time, 2 minutes 14 seconds. Totalisator dividend, £3 15s.

Ladies' Bracelet.—Miss K. Agnew's Chippewa Chief, 9st 3lb (Cooper), 1; Miss K. Agnew's Massina, 10st 8lb (Smith), 2; Mrs. Miller's Linda, 10st 3lb (Nesson), 3. Five started. Won by a length. Time, 1 minute 20 seconds. Totalisator dividend, 30s.

Derwent Handicap, 1 mile.—Mr. M'Lennan's Trendle, by Trenton—Tanningdale, 10st 7lb (Payne), 1; Mr. H. Jones's Josephine, 1st (Poole), 2; Mr. W. Fitzgerald's The Peeress, 6st 12lb (Cherry), 3. Time, 1 minute 50½ seconds. Totalisator dividend, £1 18s.

SOUTH BROKEN HILL JOCKEY CLUB.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

There was a fair attendance at the South Broken Hill Jockey Club meeting this afternoon. Enjoyable weather was experienced. The racing was good. Harold's victory in the Alma Handicap was regarded as one of the best performances seen in the district. Appended are the results:—

Trial Stakes, 7 furlongs.—Valdimar, by Gulliver—Companion, 8st 5lb (Farrow), 1; Tora[?], 8st 10lb, 2. Only two started. Betting: 2 to 1 on Valdimar. Won easily. Time, 1 minute 37 seconds.

Flying Handicap, about 6 furlongs.—Selector, by Bryan O'Lynn—Grace Darling, 8st 3lb (Findlay), 1; Harold, 7st 8lb, 2; Valdimar, 7st 12lb, 3. Other starters: Castile and Baron. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Harold, 2 to 1 v. Selector. Time, 1 minute 19 seconds.

Alma Handicap, 1¼ mile.—Harold, by Sir Oliver—Brownless, 8st 9lb (Breen), 1; Avymore, 7st 3lb, 2; Solo, 8st, 3. Other starters: Rhodon, Selector, Wave, Sweep, and Salvator. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Rhodon, 3 to 1 v. Selector, 4 to 1 v. Avymore, 5 to 1 v. Harold. Won by half a head. Time, 2 minutes 10 seconds.

Ladies' Bracelet, 1 mile.—Albani, by Gang Forward—Pamela, 10st 9lb (Finlay), 1; Avymore, 8st 9lb, 2; Rhodon, 10st 2lb, 3. Other starters, Valdimar and Black Diamond. Betting: Even money on Albani, 2 to 1 v. Avymore, 3 to 1 v. Rhodon. Albani won from start to finish. Time, 1 minute 49 2-5 seconds.

CYCLING.

CYCLISTS' TOURING UNION.

The executive held their usual fortnightly meeting on Tuesday evening, 13th instant, Mr. W. R. George presiding. The following members were present:—Messrs. J. C. Cameron, F. Walker, P. R. Pedley, C. R. White, A. B. Smith, R. Patrick, S. Clark, F. Poppenhagen (chief consul for Bourke), and the hon. secretary. The following correspondence was dealt with:—From Mr. T. H. Betridge, advising want of danger boards at The Gap and Hartley Vale, also direction board at latter place, and offering to see to erection of same; from Mr. J. H. Roper, accepting office of consul for Tenterfield, and Mr. J. B. Goodman that of delegate; from Mr. A. Tuke accepting consulship for Oberon, and furnishing union with detailed information respecting certain roads. Mr. J. E. Gormley wrote resigning consulship for Wagga. Captain W. Kopsen wrote enclosing letter from Public Works Department, intimating that a fence was being erected on Marulan side of approach to bridge at Paddy's River. Applications for membership were received from one lady and nine gentlemen. The Vale Hotel, Hartley Vale, and the Commercial, Delegate, were reappointed official quarters for union during the current year. Mr. Leamond was appointed consul for Queanbeyan. The resolution passed on January 16, affecting the admission of members, was withdrawn, and other measures will be adopted to overcome the difficulties which the resolution was intended to deal with. The annual meeting takes place on Wednesday evening, 28th instant, at Quong Tart's rooms. The sub-committee appointed to deal with the C.T.U. outing at Eastertide are making good progress, in conjunction with the Newcastle consul and a committee from the district centre.

BOWLS.

THE "CRAGO" TROPHY.

The semi-final match between two rinks in this competition, which is open to those connected with the milling and baking trades, took place yesterday afternoon on the City green. There was a large attendance of interested gentlemen present. The rink captained by Mr. Frank Gartrell, and consisting of Messrs. H. T. Wills, H. Mann, and S. Hunter, defeated that captained by Mr. E. G. Aitken, and including Messrs. A. C. Shadler, G. E. Small, and Wm. Rogers, by 20 points to 16. The winners play Mr. J. G. Purves' rink for possession of the trophy, which is presented by Mr. Francis Crago, of Newtown.

FOOTBALL.

ENGLAND v. WALES.

The above match was played at Gloucester on January 6, and the result was a win for Wales by 13 points (three goals one penalty) to three points (one try). There were 14,000 spectators. Prior to the commencement of the match a small stand holding about 200 people collapsed. The crash was tremendous, and was mingled with yells and screams. Luckily only one case of broken limb was recorded. J. W. Jarman (Bristol) and E. T. Nicholson (Liverpool), who visited Australia as members of the Rev. Mr. Mullineux's team, played for England. A place was kept in the Welsh fifteen for E. Nicholls, but he was only just then due from Australia. His place in the three-quarter line was filled by D. Rees, of Swansea.

CRICKET.

GLEN INNES, Wednesday.

Shield competition matches of the Northern Border Cricket Association, Dundee v. Stonehenge, at Stonehenge, won by the former by eight wickets. Scores: Dundee, first innings, 113; second innings, two wickets for 67. Stonehenge, first innings, 97; second innings, five wickets for 140 (W. Fakes not out 60).

ATHLETICS.

NEW SOUTH WALES AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the special committee of the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association appointed to inquire into certain allegations regarding betting and other objectionable practices at meetings held under the control of the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association was held last night at the Sports Club. Those present were:—Messrs. A. D. Uther, LL.B. (University A.A.), R. Coombes (president N.S.W.A.A.A.), Quartermaster-sergeant Smith (Public Schools A.A.A.), Rev. D. Davies (A.A.A.G.P.S.), F. W. Maddocks (hon. treasurer N.S.W.A.A.A.), and A. A. Morgan (hon. secretary N.S.W.A.A.A.). Mr. Uther was elected chairman. Mr. Coombes pointed out that for a considerable time past it had been alleged that certain nefarious actions in connection with amateur athletics had taken place. There had been no direct charge made, but it had been considered necessary to go thoroughly into the statements with a view of clearing the association. This was the first meeting of the special committee which was formed by the permit and standing committee of the N.S.W.A.A.A. on the following motion by Mr. Coombes,—"That, in view of the rumours and statements in circulation that non-trying and betting amongst amateurs affiliated to the association are in evidence at sports meetings in and around Sydney, a special committee be appointed to inquire into the same; (2) that the report of such committee be laid before the council at its next meeting, with a view to drastic measures being taken to suppress the evil complained of, if it be found to exist as alleged; (3) that during the investigation by the committee it be vested with powers to temporarily suspend any affiliated member (pending sentence being imposed by the council) found guilty of malpractice." After discussion, it was decided to consider matters referred to in the foregoing resolution, and then go into such evidence as would tend to show a course of action that would improve the tone of the sport, if it be proved that there were grounds for the allegations made. It was decided to invite Mr. E. S. Marks and the secretaries of the various athletic clubs to give evidence at a future meeting.

THE ANNIVERSARY REGATTA.

A meeting of the committee of the Anniversary Regatta was held last night at the Hotel Australia, Dr. A. Burne in the chair. Various reports of officials were received. The balance-sheet was adopted, showing total receipts, £413 2s 9d, including the following items:—Entrance fee, £65 15s 6d; receipts from flagship, £30 4s 6d; proceeds of sales of programmes, £13 16s 3d; subscriptions, £286 18s; value of trophies presented to the committee £16 8s 6d. The total expenditure was £364 1s 2d, of which £238 4s 6d was bestowed on prizes. A balance was carried forward amounting to about £64, which, with other funds in hand, leaves the new committee with about £290 at its disposal for next season. Votes of thanks were carried to the officers, to Mr. Trelawney, manager of the P. and O. Company for the loan of the R.M.S. Himalaya, to Mr. J. F. King for the use of his office and to Mr. Walter Reeks for services rendered in connection with the intercolonial yacht race. It was decided that a list of subscribers and a copy of the balance-sheet be forwarded to each subscriber. Some informal talk took place regarding the desirability of making the Anniversary Regatta for the opening year of the new century a specially attractive show. On the motion of Messrs. J. Blackman and S. N. Stevens it was resolved that a public meeting of the supporters of rowing and sailing be held in the Hotel Australia at 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday in March, and that the retiring committee meet the same evening at 7.30. It was said the public meeting would be, probably, requested to appoint a committee to draft a programme for next regatta, including two or three great sailing events, in which there would be a chance of getting, as competitors, boats from England and America. The chairman said the propriety of making the anniversary regatta a two-days' affair would also be mooted.

ROWING.

BALMAIN CLUB.

The following crew has been chosen to represent the Balmain Club in the junior eights at the club's regatta:—W. Easton, P. Storey, Ward, G. Bathgate, G. M'Gilvray, C. Degotardi, H. Wells, and J. Light (stroke). The same combination will, if successful, also represent the club at the St. Ignatius' regatta.

The Sydney Rowing Club held a concert and presentation of prizes at Abbotsford, Parramatta River, on Tuesday evening. The steamer Alathea conveyed a large number of visitors to the club's old established training quarters, which are so beautifully situated near Abbotsford wharf. Mr. M. G. Cater had made great preparations in the way of decorations and illuminations, and the club's tennis lawn was found most suitable for the open-air concert, which was under the control of Mr. N. J. Gehde. Mr. Q. L. Deloitte presided and presented the regatta prizes, those for the open race going to Balmain Rowing Club maiden four. Truda Brothers' string band provided music, and Mr. H. Freeman gave solos on the cornet. Messrs. T. H. Rainford, Lyall Johnston, Wilkie, and others were responsible for a number of songs. Amongst those present were Dr. A. Burne, Mr. Deloitte, Mr. C. A. Smith, and a number of rowing men representing the several clubs. Refreshments were provided for all visitors, supplied by Tollemache. A most enjoyable outing ended by a concert as the Alathea steamed back to town, which was reached at a convenient hour.

Of the oarsmen who rowed in the champion eight-oar race of 1897, Messrs. Podmore (Glebe), Fitzhardinge (Sydney), Richardson (Glebe), and M'Neill (Balmain) have gone to or are about to leave for Africa. This includes the No. 7 of Sydney, Glebe, and Balmain crews of that year's race.

A match was made on January 8 between George Towns and James Wray to row over the Thames course for the Championship of England, the "Sportsman" Cup, and £400 stakes in May next. At the match-making, which took place at Newcastle-on-Tyne, Towns was represented by Mr. J. Clark, and Wray by Mr. W. Donnelly. This match comes as a surprise, and tends to show that Gaudaur has not come to terms for a match with Towns.

SAILING.

SYDNEY SAILING CLUB.

The commodore presided at the weekly committee meeting of the above club at the club rooms, 132 Pitt-street, on Tuesday evening. A letter was received from the St. George Sailing Club thanking the club for the courtesy extended to the Botany boats during their recent stay in Sydney. Arrangements were made for the races to be held next Saturday. For the A class, "best and best" event, the prizes were fixed at—first, £6; second, £3; and third, £1; in addition to which this will be the first of three races in which points will count for the handsome shield trophy presented by Messrs. J. Fogg and J. Talbot, vice-presidents of the club. The two forward hands of the boat winning the trophy will be presented with silver-mounted pipes by Mr. Alec. Martin. It was decided that the handicaps be the same for each of the three races. In the B class event, prizes will be £3, £2, £1, and 10s. The following entries were received:—A class: Effie, Plover, Keriki, Australian, Donnelly, Southern Cross, Mercia, and Laurel. B class: Kelpie, Sea Foam, Susie, Imogene, Wyuna, Charlie, Atalanta, Young Harry, Messilia, Ethel (23ft), Esa, Genesta, Niobe, Ida May, Guinevere, Juno, Ethel, Cynthia, Ellie, Grace Darling, and Tempe. The course decided on for both events is the usual lightship one. The officials for the day were appointed as follows:—Starter and judge, Mr. F. Bernie; assistant starter, Mr. R. Banks; umpire, Mr. George Dew; timekeeper, Mr. R. F. Jones; handicappers, A class, Mr. C. J. Collins, B class, Messrs. C. J. Collins, J. Young, and W. B. Simpson; director of club steamer, vice-commodore C. B. Hunter.

SWIMMING.

Entries close to-night at 9 o'clock for the Palace Emporium Swimming Club's carnival, to be held on the evening of the 26th instant.

A special general meeting of the New South Wales Amateur Swimming Association will be held to-night at the Sports Club, for the purpose of considering a proposal to amend the constitutional rule in so far as it affects the amateur status of both attendants and lessees.

Thanks to the good offices of the president of the Amateur Swimming Association, the split between the swimmers of Yorkshire and the Northern Counties Amateur Association is now practically at an end. Yorkshire swimmers severed their connection with the Northern Counties five years ago, the chief grounds of dissension being the limited powers of dealing with offences in their own district, and the inadequate financial aid received by them. Accordingly, for five years they have been cut off from all work and competitions of the Amateur Swimming Association, but anxious to make his year of office a memorable one, Mr. Herbert, of Nottingham, S.A. president, visited Yorkshire and used his influence with the Northern Counties Association to bring about a reconciliation. The outcome of his efforts was the appointment by each body of five representatives armed with full executive powers, and with Mr. Herbert as president this committee arrived at a settlement, which gives Yorkshire full powers of suspension, with leave to appeal, and better financial arrangements than they had before the split.

LEAGUE OF WHEELMEN.

COCHRANE WINS THE SCRATCH RACE

JACKSON WINS THE FIVE MILES.

Last night's attendance at the Sydney Cricket Ground was in keeping with the previous night's. Sharp at 8 o'clock the men came out, and the light was perfect, but there was rather a strong wind from the N.E. The evening's racing opened with the Bushmen's Handicap over two miles, and this brought out Walne, Lewis, and M'Donald on scratch. Walne and M'Donald looked like fighting it out 150 yards from home, when Orr put in his claim on the inside and just beat the pair. The second heat on paper looked a certainty for Megson; but Sutherland beat him nicely at the end of a good run. Gordon made no mistake in his heat, and when it came to racing he won as he liked from Wilksch. The final of this race is to be run on Monday night. The class A men turned out a good field for their three miles scratch race, and Munro won rather easily. The pacing prizes caused a good deal of sprinting, and they were awarded to Short and Gahagan. The Scouts scratch race was for second-class riders, and they were divided into two heats, with the first six men in each. In the seventh lap of the first heat two men fell, but were not hurt. The Novelty Race is now getting quite interesting. The way in which the competitors ride the tail was good, and they go over it at full speed. The first prize for the costume was given to S. B. Orr, in the character of "Ginger Bells," and W. Harvey took second prize. The five miles produced a good race, and Jackson won from Gordon. The following are the results:—

Bushmen's Wheel Race. First prize, £20; second prize, £3; third prize, £1; heat winners, 10s. Distance, about 2 miles (about six times round). First three men in each heat start in final.—First heat: S. B. Orr, 220 yards, 1; R. H. Walne (Q.), scratch, 2; W. M'Donald (Vic.), scratch, 3. Other starters: R. W. Lewis, scratch; R. Mutton (N.S.W.), 90 yards; G. B. Morgan, 90; J. A. Cochrane (Vic.), 95; P. E. Marsden, 100; Wren Matthews (Vic.), 140; John Farrell, 155; J. Schneider (Peak Hill), 170; William Sadler (Vic.), 180; A. Gibbons (Vic.), 190; R. W. Thompson, 280; Geo. B. Dean, 300; L. M'Innes, 310; W. Walworth, 320; Stan. Fallick, 400; James Buck, 500. The scratch men paced each other up splendidly, while Thompson soon got into the lead and made the pace merry. At the back in the second last lap the scratch men got up through a splendid run by Morgan. At the shilling stand Walne and M'Donald went out, but at the members' stand Orr challenged them, and beat Walne by a length. Time, 4 minutes 10 seconds. Second heat: G. Sutherland (N.Z.), scratch, 1; J. Megson, scratch, 2; L. Corbett (Vic.), 140 yards, 3. Other starters: F. S. Beauchamp (Tas.), scratch; H. S. Tucker, 120 yards; Chas. Morrison (W.A.), 125; C. H. Remnant, 160; F. W. Drinkwater (N.S.W.), 180; J. R. Cliffe, 500; F. G. Simpson, 210; R. E. Adrian, 230; W. Phelan, 240; W. G. C. Wakeford, 250; A. T. Brown (Vic.), 280; Frank Fraser, 290; O. Jorgensen, 310; H. L. Orr, 350; F. Morshead, 500. Orr soon caught Morshead and they paced lap about for five laps and Orr steered out on his own. In the meantime the scratch men had caught the field. In the last lap Sutherland jumped into the lead, and though Megson tried hard he could not get up and Sutherland won by a wheel, with Corbett third very close. Time, 4 minutes 15 1-5 seconds. Third heat: S. E. Gordon (Vic.), scratch, 1; F. E. Wilksch (S.A.), 30 yards, 2; G. B. Buckley (Vic.), 115 yards, 3. Other starters: W. G. Symonds (S.A.), 70 yards; A. H. Clinton (Vic.), 90; S. Murray (Vic.) [illegible]; D. Harrison, 160; C. H. New, 170; Robert Walker (W.A.), 190; A. H. Drinkwater, 270; A. W. Grear [illegible]; O. B. Whitehead, 280; D. Anderson, 340. The scratch men got up in the fourth lap, and Gordon won very easily. Time, 4 minutes 24 3-5 seconds. Fourth heat: W. C. Jackson (Vic.), scratch, 1; A. A. Rowlands (Vic.), 100 yards, 2; A. C. Forbes, scratch, 3. Other starters: G. Carpenter (Vic.), 25 yards; Jas. M'Innes, 145; Jas. Crowell, 160; W. S. M'Coombs, 200; G. E. Elsbury (Vic.), 210; F. Fowles, 210; W. Harvey, 270; W. Matterson, 275; J. J. Brady, 280; F. Polglase, 300; G. L. Robinson, 310. Brady got into the lead in the first lap, and led until the bell went. Forbes and Jackson, by the help of Crowell, got up in the second last lap. At the members' stand Jackson opened out, and won by a length from Rowlands, who just beat Forbes. Time, 4 minutes 20 3-5 seconds.

The Volunteers (Amateur) Class A. First prize, trophy; second prize, trophy. Two pacing trophies for competitors first past winning post greatest number of laps. Distance, about 3 miles.—H. Munro (Paddington), 1; C. Strelon (Aust.), 2; C. V. Wood, 3. Other starters: W. Gahagan (Aust.), E. W. Strachan (Paddington), A. Bearpark (Paddington), G. Fowle (Paddington), C. E. Wakeford (Aust.), G. Wilson (Paddington), W. A. K. Harris (Britannia), A. O. Kirkpatrick, O. E. Truman (Granville), T. Hughes, L. Saunders (Parramatta), W. Joss (Aust.), E. Short (Paddington). They moved about a lot on account of the pacing prizes, but when it settled down to the last lap Munro went to the front and won easily. Strachan was fourth. Time, 7 minutes 20 2-5 seconds. Short and Gahagan won the pacing prizes.

The "Scout's" Scratch Race (Second-class). First prize, £1; second prize, £2; third prize, £1; heat winners, 20s. Distance, about 3 miles. Lap prizes, 5s per lap. First six men in each heat start in final.—First heat: F. W. Drinkwater, 1; L. Corbett, 2; A. A. Rowlands (S.A.), 3; J. Cochrane (Vic.), 4; D. Harrison (N.S.W.), 5; Chas. Morrison (W.A.), 6. Other starters: S. Murray (Vic.), C. New, J. Crowell, J. R. Cliffe, A. Gibbons (Vic.), Wm. Sadler (Vic.), R. W. Thompson, R. Walker (W.A.). Crowell made most of the running, but in the last lap Drinkwater, getting a good run on the inside, won nicely from Corbett. Time, 7 minutes 8 seconds. Second heat: G. B. Buckley (Vic.), 1; Wren Matthews (Vic.), 2; J. Schneider (Peak Hill), 3; J. M'Innes, 4; C. S. Orr, 5; F. G. Simpson (N.Z.), 6. Other starters: John Farrell (Vic.), W. G. C. Wakeford, P. E. Marsden, W. Phelan, C. H. Remnant (White Cliffs), J. Filsell (Vic.), F. Fowles. Won by a length. Time, 6 minutes 58 4-5 seconds. Farrell did nearly all the pacing. Final heat: J. Cochrane, 1; A. A. Rowlands, 2; C. Morrison, 3. When it came to a finish Cochrane won very easily. Rowlands got blocked, and could not get out until too late. Time, 7 minutes 26 4-5 seconds.

Novelty Race. First prize, £2; second prize, £1; third prize, 10s; £1 for best costume, 10s for second best. Competitors will ride over and through obstacles, and in the last lap bowling a hoop.—S. B. Orr was given first prize for costume, and W. Harvey second.

The Patriotic Scratch Race. First prize, £15; second prize, £3; third prize, £2. Distance 5 miles (about 17 times round).—W. C. Jackson (Vic.), 1; S. E. Gordon (Vic.), 2; R. W. Lewis (Vic.), 3. Other starters: J. Megson (N.S.W.), R. H. Walne (Q.), A. C. Forbes (N.Z.), G. Sutherland (N.Z.), F. Beauchamp (Vic.), W. M'Donald (W.A.), F. E. Wilksch (S.A.), G. Carpenter (Vic.), R. Mutton (N.S.W.), W. G. Symonds (S.A.), G. B. Morgan (Vic.), A. H. Clinton (Vic.), H. S. Tucker (N.S.W.), J. A. Cochrane, F. W. Drinkwater, L. Corbett. In the ninth lap Clinton and Carpenter got a break of 80 yards, but they were brought in the following lap. Megson retired early. Jackson won nicely from Gordon. Time, 11 minutes 52 2-5 seconds.

"Johnny Boer," Banjo Paterson's new Poem, appearing in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

At the weekly assembly of Universal Brotherhood Lodge No. 1, Australia, held at 113 Pitt-street, on Sunday evening, Mr. T. W. Willans spoke on the subject of "The World's Saviours," and Mr. A. A. Smith spoke on "Jesus."

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THE REBEL.

Being a Memoir of Anthony, fourth Earl of Cherwell, including an Account of the Rising at Taunton in 1684, compiled and set forth by his cousin,

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CHAPTER IX.—Continued.

HOW MY LORD RODE TO DURCOMBE, AND OF THE COMPANY THERE.

Yet what design he had in thus visiting so dangerous a woman was only in my lord's intelligence. He was aware of her repute, that it was most hazardous, she being a handsome tall woman of a most lively manner, and wedded to an honest dull fellow. There were tales of her when she was in her Highness's service, but owing to his absence abroad Cherwell had seen her but once or so. She was considered a clever creature, but had the smallest ambition, and the easiest good-nature. By which reason she took more thought to her pleasure than to her advancement, and was content to be what men believed her. Yet with all this she had the greatest delicacy of taste, and would shrink from the vulgar, delighting in beautiful and rare things, such as abounded in her house. She came of a wealthy family, moreover, and her husband had been some two years in France upon the King's business, though it was whispered that he went also in the Duke's interest, his Highness being desirous of cultivating her attentions.

Cherwell got forth into his coach again, and it is odds but he was enlivened by this encounter, for he had a gay temper at the bottom. He lay that night near Windsor, and pushed on the next day towards the west. The third day after he left London he passed through Dulsiebridge, being sighted first by one of his men who was harrowing in the Great Acre. This fellow ran back to the house, giving tongue to his news, and since the road curved a great deal in its passage to the Park, the information reached me, who was then at Heriot Deane, or ever my lord came up before the doors. But he made no pause nor any sign of staying, though it was some four years since he had been there. Instead he bade me come with him in the sharpest voice, and almost without a greeting.

"Is that you, Hilary?" he says, seeing me in the twilight of the hall. "There is a seat in my coach there, which you would very well fill. Come, I can tarry ten minutes.

But when I protested, being more amazed than vexed at him, he laughed.

"I'm on a journey to gather what is owed me," he said. "Damn me, Hilary, but that should please your stingy soul."

The jest was rude enough, but it was by these signs I saw that some serious matter was afoot, and presently consented without more pleas. So that within half an hour the coach was galloping for the west again, with a new passenger.

It was during that journey I got such information, scattered in pieces and given in fits of talking, as enabled me first to get some inkling of the business on which my lord rode. To me it seemed a mad design, and what I could that I did, if by any chance I might avert him. Yet, knowing the man, I had little hope, and I accompanied him with some fears and not a little curiosity as to what would issue. As it happened there was little of interest that befel for some time, and I shall pass over the events of the next few weeks as lightly as is necessary. My lord reached the village of Durcombe in the Quantocks on a Sunday night, and put up in the inn, having left his coach at Bath, and gone forward in the saddle. The house of the Ellicott's stood a mile or more from here, and was named after the village. It was a great wandering pack of buildings which Sir Ralph Ellicott, Knight Banneret, had reared in the reign of King Henry. By the side of this, and within striking distance, so to say, my lord sate him down, for all the world like a hound with his head on his paws, to watch. He made no movement, and never once visited the house, though it was spread abroad at once that he was near. He behaved very delicately, giving not a hint of his intentions, but rising early, and supping and talking and drinking with such company as offered. The temper of that countryside was strained and near to cracking. The King himself was unpopular, and his brother more so, and they that frequented the inn spoke much of the succession. This was the district that afterwards came to be such a mark for Lord Jefferies, when the rising under Monmouth had been put down; and the gentry hereabouts were even now disaffected and anxious. They feared the King's death, lest a worse evil should visit them, and they held their narrow notions strenuously, debating of the matter together. Cherwell was most a listener, for he loved not to talk except in fits; but they were eager to gather knowledge of him and what he thought of the Duke.

"'Tis a curse," said he, loudly, "that we must have such a one on the top of the King, to rule us," and when he was more than commonly excited, he cried, "There is the devil in these Stewarts,"—which cry, though it startled those that heard it, drew him into popular favour. In truth my lord had the trick of winning friends, wherever he went, and he was a favourite in those country parts; so that he found his time pleasantly engaged. But all the while he withheld himself from Durcombe Manor, where a party was now gathered, very merry, as we heard.

Lady Ellicott had taken alarm, like the Duke himself, at that affair in the riverside cottage, and I suppose to both it had seemed wiser to desist yet a little longer. At any rate while James went into the Town, it was stated that she had set forth with her step-daughter for Durcombe, where she would remain for some time in retirement. This news it was that had brought my lord down to the Quantocks, who suspected more than he heard, and knew that what might happen would be worse even than his suspicions. Lady Ellicott and her step-daughter were at Durcombe Manor, and the former had gotten some of her lively friends about her, to cheer her in the seclusion she detested. But it was not till after a week that Cherwell met her, and then it was of an accident. He made her a grave salute, and would have passed on, but she stayed him.

"What do you here, my lord?" she called with a sneer. "'Tis a fine act, sure, to prejudice so the fair name of a poor girl."

"Madam," says he politely, "I am here upon my health. I had the mischance to be out about in a disreputable brawl of which you will not have heard. And this air incites me. I have my hopes that it shall bring such warmth and colour to my face as it has already done upon your ladyship's."

Lady Ellicott flushed even through her paint a deeper red.

"Sir, if there was anyone by he would learn you——," she began; but he, as if he had heard nothing of this, looked at the girl, Alethea, who was with her.

"Is this your daughter, madam?" said he. "Faith, I knew not you had one of such a length. Her legs belie her age, I'll swear."

At that the girl's cheeks also were stained with her agitation, but Lady Ellicott broke out furiously—

"My lord rogue," she cried, "you think you have a pretty wit, you; but, Gads my life, you ——, you shall suffer for this. You foul toad, to empty your insolence upon honourable blood! Get you gone, or I will have you beaten from the valley. What are you but spy and sneaking turncoat?"

My lord bowed and left her, smiling to himself, to have provoked her so; but of the offence unto Mrs. Alethea, or if there were any offence, he thought not at all.

Yet Lady Ellicott was too cunning a woman for all her shrewish violence not to perceive that she had made a mistake. And the next time they encountered she wore quite another habit. Indeed, I think that she had thrown herself out of the way to meet him again. For she was all smiles, and invited him warmly to the house, declaring he should find good company, such as he was used to love.

My lord showed towards her an equal good temper, smiling and simpering and feigning that they had just met; and vowing with all the marks of chagrin that he would have desired nothing more than to be happy in that company, but that he had a press of business of great urgency.

"'Slife, there can be nothing of such instancy to come between us," says her ladyship, after the most fashionable manner, and ogling him.

"Nay, madam," he said, for he had not forgot what promise he had made as to the pretences under which these proceedings should hereafter march, "nay, madam," he said, "but it is a most secret deadly matter, upon the which I must hold the tongue. But let me whisper that I am in a plot," says he "and one that shall fetch down your high princes to the humbling earth. Hark ye, madam, but you shall yet watch the face of this kingdom change and falter."

She stared at him, as though in some alarm, and as if considering whether he had kept his wits or not. But seeing something in his countenance that told her, she frowned, and turned aside.

"As you will," she said; "but you shall miss good play and pretty faces, which you once admired."

"Madam, I am admiring only of your skill," he answered, "your tierce and your quarte, and your careful eyes. But if you will pardon me I am due among my conspirators, where we are to discuss a mighty problem. I will bid you now farewell."

He got himself off, leaving me there with the lady, who took her defeat very well. She laughed, and met me with good humour, whatever she felt in her heart.

"Sir," she said, "there goes a madman. But you, I vow, are no such zealot to refuse a handsome entertainment," and added thereto a gracious invitation.

What she wanted of me I could not guess, but I know very well that she did not ply so gently for nothing. Yet out of a curiosity and a desire to see how things stood, I accepted the hospitality of Durcombe Manor, and was there to sup that very evening. The house stood upon a decline of the hills, and the pleasure-gardens, of an Italian character, stretched across the valley, set in a thickly wooded park. There was a mob of guests, very noisy, and gaming lasted until late at night. I had not yet set eye upon the girl, but I was fated, not only to do so now, but to engage in speech with her. I wearied of the tables (for I am no gamester) and went forth, driven in some part by the loose words that began to go about regarding my lord. These it had been foolish to take offence at, but they were still improper to hear and be silent. For he was called what he doubtless appeared to all men, and was riddled with sallies for a ridiculous meddler.

"'Tis no business of mine," says one man, who was Lord Bohun, "I have no taste for such meek wenches, but his Highness is another. And if Cherwell will not bite, why, he must needs leave the way open to others," and he concluded with a foul phrase about Lady Ellicott.

This was the temper of these fellows, nor was there one word in respect of the girl herself. It was considered, you would suppose, that the honour was a high one, or at least that no woman would be found to refuse it. It was my lord, and how he appeared, that they discussed. And this it was that sent me from the company and into the presence of the very girl that they ignored. She was walking in the formal garden under the high moon, late as it was, and seemed to show no fears for herself. I judged her at once to be she that was the cause of all this trouble, and, the light being very clear upon her, her singular beauty stood out very bright. My lord spoke nothing of how she looked, but indeed it was easy to see whence the Duke's fascination came, and I have not seen any woman of that time of such brilliant loveliness.

(To be continued.)

SIR JOHN FORREST AND THE COMMONWEALTH BILL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—As a strong and consistent federalist I am in full accord with the policy of closing in our ranks and presenting a solid front to anti-federalists in general, as well as to those who would amend in particulars. For instance, Mr. Carruthers would reopen the question of appeal to the Privy Council, a very debateable point I admit, and one which was fought from "post to pillar." Now I, who can claim to be quite as sound a federalist as Mr. Carruthers, am strongly of opinion that we who practically have the final word, under the most democratically representative constitution in the world, in the making of our laws, should also be held equally competent to have the final word in interpreting those laws, and I should strongly object to widening the power of appeal further than is at present provided in the Commonwealth constitution. So that it will be seen that we two, who on the last referendum were fighting on the same side, would have to fight each other should such an amendment be admitted by the Imperial Parliament, as it would certainly necessitate a fresh appeal to the constituencies in all the colonies.

I suppose nearly every man who has carefully studied the Constitution Bill, has a few amendments up his sleeve that he honestly believes would improve it. For instance, when our Parliament discussed proposed amendments, I carried a proposition through the Assembly that each State should be represented by eight senators instead of six, as in the present bill. I gave good reasons for the proposed change, and it was carried unanimously through our chamber. Then Mr. Want, Dr. MacLaurin, and Mr. Dangar gave it strong support in the Council, and it was carried unanimously there. Yet, when the Conference was held by the Premiers in Melbourne, this amendment, which, so far as my memory serves, was the only one submitted in our Parliament which was carried unanimously by both Chambers, was evidently thrown by Mr. Reid into the waste-paper basket (I can only suppose) because it emanated from me instead of himself; or, what would have been at that time the next best thing, from the labour party; then, doubtless, it would have received due consideration and respect. Now if we are to reopen Mr. Carruthers' question why not mine; and if so, why not 20 others? No doubt the effect would be interesting and sensational. A Lyddite shell dropped into the hitherto solid mass of federal support could scarcely do more to scatter that support into radiations represented by every point of the compass, when the bill was again submitted for the people's vote.

I am, afraid, however, this communication will resemble some ladies' letters, inasmuch as all the importance will attach to the postscript. We have, however, all heard of the "exception" which is supposed to prove the "rule," and, notwithstanding what I have written above, I ask could we not with safety, and without the necessity for a further referendum, allow an amendment enabling Western Australia to continue her present tariff for five years after the adoption of the otherwise uniform tariff? It might—I think it would—be necessary for each State Parliament before the proclamation of the federal union to pass a confirmatory Act; but this, I think, would pass through each Parliament as a formal matter. And why? So far as area is concerned, a federation without Western Australia would only be a federation of two-thirds of Australia, the area of the whole of Australia including Tasmania being estimated at 2,972,906 square miles, while Western Australia is set down at 975,920. Of course, a large proportion of the latter is not only unpopulated, but is, apparently, at present, incapable of supporting a population. All the same, however, every inch of those vast foreshores will have to be as rigidly protected from foreign invasion as will the shores of New South Wales.

Let us see what the sought-for concession amounts to. Under the constitution as already agreed to by the other colonies, Western Australia is allowed to retain her tariff in full for the first year after the uniform tariff is passed, then she retains 80 per cent. for the second year, 60 per cent. for the third year, 40 per cent. for the fourth year, and 20 per cent. for the fifth year, which would give a mean of 60 per cent. of her tariff for the whole of the five years. What she, or rather Sir John Forrest, now asks is, that she be allowed the remaining 40 per cent. In other words, we agree to allow her the full tariff for one year, and he now asks that that concession be extended for four years longer, instead of a cumulative reduction of 20 per cent. for each of those four years. Is the question worth fighting about? It must be remembered that the "concession" will practically only apply to intercolonial duties, as in all probability the uniform tariff will provide for duties against the outside world equivalent to those of Western Australia's present duties, which may be set down as a 15 per cent. tariff. So, assuming this to be the case, that part of the concession affecting the outside imports would be no concession at all. And what does the remainder amount to. It is a quickly terminating disability, and will have run out before we have solved that little problem of inter-State bookkeeping, or before things federal have got shaken down to anything like their normal conditions. Moreover, though a poor benighted protectionist like myself might raise an objection on the grounds that Western Australia would be raising revenue from her fellow Australians who would be sending goods to her market, surely this objection would not hold good with the more enlightened freetraders, whose gospel is that "the consumer pays the taxes." I might object to their putting their hands into my pocket for five years, but it would be nothing short of real cussedness for you to object to their putting their hands into their own pocket for that, or even a greater, length of time. This matter is of too trivial a character to be allowed to keep one-third of the territory of Australia outside of the federal union. I am, &c.,

February 14. HENRY COPELAND.

The Queen reviewing the Wives and Children of Life Guards and Reservists at the front at the Victoria Barracks, Windsor. A splendid picture in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

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THE WILLOUGHBY FIRE STATION.

OFFICIAL OPENING.

The recently completed Volunteer Fire Brigade station at Willoughby was officially opened yesterday, with some ceremony and much local enthusiasm. The building is of attractive design, and is situate in the Gordon-road, within a short distance of the Chatswood railway station, and almost opposite the Public school. The building, which is of brick, was erected by Mr. Henry Dougate, of Chatswood, to plans prepared by, and carried out under the supervision of Mr. J. Percy Josephson. It comprises an engine-room 32ft. x 16½ft. by 14ft. high; stables for two horses, watchroom, man's room, and lavatory. The station has a handsomely ornamented front, with a tower at the northwest corner, 35ft. high to the platform, for lookout purposes. It is fitted with manual engine, reel and hose, and is connected with the telephone. The patent pavement was laid by Messrs. Saddler Brothers, and the steel ceilings by Messrs. Crane and Son. The station is well lighted and ventilated.

There was a large gathering present, which included Messrs. Charles Bown, J. C. Beare, S. Hague-Smith, and W. Taylor (members of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades' Board), Superintendent Webb, Deputy Superintendent Sparke, Mr. Z. C. Barry (secretary M.F.B.), District Officer Watson, Messrs. E. M. Clark, M.L.A., Aldermen G. F. Bailey (Mayor), R. H. Gordon, Claude Leplastrier, T. T. Forsyth, and Lanceley, Dr. Clarence Read, Messrs. Ward (local manager of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney), W. T. Muston, D. Blelloch, E. Forsyth (council clerk), and many others.

Mr. Bown (chairman of the M.F.B.) thanked the people of Willoughby for the patience and forbearance displayed while regularly contributing to the board, though deriving no direct benefit. The building, he said, was constructed in response to a deputation from the district urging their claim to consideration. It had cost, exclusive of plant, about £550, and was an ornament to the borough. Should circumstances demand it could be readily enlarged, so as to provide residential quarters. The plant had also been provided by the board. He was pleased to declare the station open, and he handed the keys to the captain of the brigade (Mr. W. Dobson), whom he wished every success.

Mr. W. Taylor (municipal representative, M.F.B.) also spoke, and congratulated Willoughby on securing so well equipped a station. The large and increasing population demanded provision should be made, and the volunteer brigade was an essential organisation. The whole party then adjourned, at the invitation of the Mayor and aldermen of Willoughby, to Sharland's Hotel, where festivities ensued, and several congratulatory speeches were delivered. The brigade already consists of 17 members.

NATIONAL PROTECTION UNION.

The newly-elected executive committee of the National Protection Union met on Tuesday for the first time, the Vice-President, Mr. W. Sandford in the chair. There was a large attendance. The general secretary presented a report of his recent visit to Brisbane, showing the foundation of a strong union there, from which some interesting correspondence was read to the meeting. A special vote of thanks was passed to the Queensland friends, and particularly to Mr. Crase for their kindness to Mr. Schey, &c. A quantity of correspondence was read from Victoria, South Australia, and Queensland with reference to the forthcoming intercolonial protectionist conference, the opening date being ultimately fixed for Wednesday, April 18. A special entertainment committee to look after the comfort of the visitors was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Sandford, Ludowici, Barlow, Mackey, and Cohen. The finance committee for the current year was elected, Messrs. Ludowici, Mackey, Raffan, Cohen, and Stuart being unanimously chosen to act in this behalf with the hon. treasurers, Messrs. James Ward and T. H. Barlow. The Parliamentary vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Edmund Barton of the Hastings and Macleay seat was discussed, and after a review of the whole circumstances it was unanimously decided that Hon. Frank Clarke should be the accredited protectionist candidate. The meeting adjourned until next Tuesday evening. The executive committee for the current year has just been completed, and now consists of Messrs. Hon. W. J. Lyne, M.L.A., president; W. Sandford and Charles Ludowici, vice-presidents; James Ward and T. H. Barlow, hon. treasurers; W. F. Schey, general secretary; and J. M. Chanter, M.L.A., F. A. Wright, M.L.A., T. Rose, M.L.A., J. M'Farlane, M.L.A., J. G. Carroll, M.L.A., T. Armfield, I. R. Cohen, E. Dechow, T. Furse, E. H. Hurley, J. M'Lachlan, J. D. Mackey, L. J. Manning, R. Mackey, R. J. Ramsden, G. Raffan, D. J. Sullivan, E. L. Scott, and H. Stuart.

ALSTONVILLE SHOW.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

ALSTONVILLE, Wednesday.

Alstonville Show, which opened to-day, was very successful, the weather being fine, and the attendance good. Exhibits were thoroughly representative of the principal industries of the district, though dairying is comparatively a new industry. On the highlands, which were once covered by the big scrub, many very good herds have been formed, and cattle are all of good sound constitution. There were very few representatives of pure breeds, but the ordinary dairy cattle were numerous, and entries totalled about four hundred. Most of the cattle shown were descendants of the South Coast stock, on which the herds here have been founded. The champion cow Bouncer was owned and bred by W. A. Johnston. Young stock were a vigorous, sound lot, and the judges, Mr. Boyd, of Berry, and Mr. Williams, of Maitland, had a long and arduous task. Some good draught horses were shown, and keen interest was manifested in this class. In farm produce there were numerous collections. Mr. Jackson, manager of the Wollongbar State Farm, had a very fine show trophy including a number of grasses and all products which can be successfully grown in the district. The pavilion was well filled with domestic articles.

Mr. Perry, the Minister for Education, was present, and formally opened the show. He referred in feeling terms to the Alstonville men who had gone to the front to fight for the Empire.

The principal awards were:—

Cattle.—Dairy cow, judged by points: W. A. Johnston's Beauty, 1; D. Cooke, 2; H. Smith, 3. Jersey bull: E. J. Booker's Durham bull, 1; D. Cooke's Ayrshire bull, 2; J. C. Leigh, 3. Champion cow: W. A. Johnston, 1; D. Cooke, 2. Champion bull: J. C. Leigh, 1; R. Gibson, 2. District competition—Cow giving greatest yield of butter fat, four milkings, cow tested on farms: D. C. Cooke's Beauty (4lb. fat), 1; J. C. Leigh's Bloomer (3·97lb. fat), 2; W. J. Newman's Peg (3·67lb. fat), 3.

Swine: F. G. Cullen, Daley Brothers, D. Cooke, P. J. Daley, E. Salisway.

Farm Produce Collection.—W. J. Gray. Sugarcane: H. Warne, A. Everet, J. Whipps, R. F. Ford. Pumpkins: N. B. Foster, J. J. Gray. Potatoes: A. Ward. Maize: J. J. Gray, Jas. Storer, P. H. Simpson, W. Monaghan, N. B. Forster, Jas. Whipps, Mrs. Windsor, J. Newman W. Monaghan. Grasses: J. J. Gray, J. Seccombe, R. Hellyer, J. R. Thorburn, R. Hellyer, J. Marriott. Buck wheat: R. Hellyer, J. Seccombe. Potatoes: Jas. Mackie, J. J. Gray, W. Wilson, T. Walters. Broom millet: W. J. Newman.

THE MORUYA SHOW.

MORUYA, Wednesday.

The Moruya show opened to-day. The weather was not too favourable, militating against the attendance, but the exhibits in most classes were numerous and of good quality, ring exhibits particularly. The draught stock was the best seen in the Moruya show ring for a long time. Cattle also were numerous and of good quality. In the pavilion there was a splendid collection of fruit, but most other sections here were only moderately filled. The following are the principal awards:—

Cattle.—Durham bull: Bodalla Company, 1; George Duross, 2. Bull, 2 years and under: R. Anderson, 1; T. T. Gannon, 2. Cow: Bodalla Company, 1; G. Duross, 2. Heifer: George Duross, 1 and 2. Ayrshire bull: W. M'Intosh, 1; Bodalla Company, 2. Bull, 2 years: Bodalla Company, 1 and 2. Cow: Bodalla Company, 1 and 2. Heifer: J. Hawdon, 1; Bodalla Company, 2. Bull, any breed: Bodalla Company, 1. Cow, dairy purposes: Bodalla Company, 1. Cow, dairy purposes, to be milked on ground: W. Bishop, 1; J. Skehan, 2. Fat ox: Bodalla Company, 1 and 2. Fat cow: Bodalla Company, 1 and 2. Dairy heifers: Bodalla Company. Milch cow, exhibitor the owner of less than 40 head: John Heffernan. Dairy produce, 3lb. butter: Watt and Gough, 1; J. Jenner, 2. Keg butter: J. Jenner, 1; W. M'Intosh, 2. Cheese: Moruya Dairy Factory, 1; Kiora Factory, 2; Bodalla Company, 3.

Farm produce.—Bacon: T. Gannon, 1 and 2. Corn: J. M'Intosh, 1; Milne Brothers, 2. Hay: Watt and Gough, 1; M'Mahon, 2. Collection of farm produce: C. Crapp, 1; W. Bishop, 2. Wheat: H. Hancock.

Fruit.—Oranges: R. E. Simpson, 1 and 2. Lemons: C. Flack, 1; R. E. Simpson, 2. Apples: R. E. Simpson, 1; C. Crapp, 2. Kitchen apples: C. Crapp, 1; S. Kimpton, 2. Collection of fruit: C. Crapp.

Agricultural Implements and Industrial.—Single buggy: A. Millikin. Buck and draught shoes: A. Millikin. Scarifier: Massey and Harris.

Vegetables.—Potatoes: L. Collett, W. Bishop. Pumpkins: R. E. Simpson, H. Hancock. Collection of vegetables: K. Taylor, 1; J. Jenner, 2.

Domestic Industry.—Plain needlework, girls under 16: Katie Corbet, 1; N. Lynch, 2. Fancy woolwork: S. Kimpton, 1 and 2. Plain needlework: L. Turner. Point lace: Mrs. Reed. Other lace: Mrs. Luck. Buttonholes by schoolgirl: Marcella Lynch. Children's dress: M. A. Conroy. Home exercise by schoolgirl: Millie Connors, 1; Clement Smith, 2. Writing by schoolgirl: Pearl Conroy. Essay on agricultural societies by school children: M. Daley.

Pigs: Messrs. Milne Brothers and J. Francis principal prizetakers.

Draught Horses.—Stallion: W. Parker, H. J. Thompson. Mare: Crapp, 1; C. Russell, 2. Colt or filly: W. M'Mahon. Yearling: H. Anderson. Foal: W. M'Mahon. Pair of farm horses: Milne Bros., H. Anderson. Miscellaneous.—Boy rider: Frank Lynch. Trotting horse: Bodalla Company. Single buggy: Miss Mort, 1; A. Russell, 2. Pony, under 14 hands: Milne Brothers, 1.

Dogs.—Greyhound: J. M'Intosh. Cattle dog: R. Geelan.

Articles for Domestic Use.—Jellies: Mrs. G. Luck. Dried fruits: W. H. Simpson. Honey: J. Jenner. Wax: J. Jenner. Scones: J. Anderson. Homemade bread: J. Taylor. Bakers' bread: J. M'Bain. Pound cake: Mrs. G. Luck.

Group of New South Wales Lancers for South Africa, with names attached, appears in this week's "Mail."—Advt.

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ENGLISH MAIL NEWS.

REMARKABLE KIMBERLEY DIAMOND.

TERRIBLE SUFFERINGS IN THE NORTH SEA.

ALARMING INCIDENT AT MALTA.

AN EXTRAORDINARY METEOR.

THE DANGERS OF ELECTRIC WIRES.

RUSSIA AND GREAT BRITAIN.

The mails by the steamer Ophir were delivered in Sydney yesterday. She brings files of English papers to January 12, from which the following items of news are extracted:—

M. Picard, Commissioner-General of the 1900 Paris Exhibition, has, it is stated, been informed by the president of the jewellery section that an enormous diamond from Kimberley will be exhibited in the jewellery pavilion. The stone was found shortly before the war. It has been insured for £400,000, and will be shown in a showcase guarded by four policemen. At night the showcase will sink into the ground in the same way as that in which the Regent is kept at the Louvre. The new diamond is said to be finer than the Regent, the Shah, the Grand Mogul, and the famous Koh-i-noor exhibited in London in 1851. No name has yet been given to it.

The German schooner Kate, which left Oldenberg in September, 1899, was towed into Granton by a Newhaven trawler on January 11. The ship had met with a succession of storms in the North Sea, and the crew had since been given up as lost. When landed the men presented a deplorable appearance. Three weeks ago the water in the ship gave out, and since then the men had quenched their thirst with any rain they could hold. A few days after the water gave out the provisions ran down, and for about 20 days the men sustained themselves on the straw which packed the bottles they had as cargo. They had given up hope almost when the Hardy, trawler, came to the rescue. Some of the men could not walk, and were nearly delirious through privations. The distressed steamer was towed into Leith.

A remarkable scene was witnessed on board the battleship Devastation at Malta on January 4. About 10 o'clock that night the inhabitants, as well as the officers and men of the ships in harbour, were startled by the firing of two guns within about a minute of each other. The unusual circumstance led to immediate inquiries being made, and it was found that a young seaman, who had only recently joined the Devastation from the cruiser Venus, had developed symptoms of insanity, and, forcing open the six-pounder magazine, possessed himself of two charges, which fortunately proved to be blank ones, made his way to the deck, and fired a charge from one of the six-pounder guns on the port side of the ship. He then loaded the gun a second time, and discharged it just as several officers and men rushed up and seized him. It was seen that he was suffering from mental derangement, and the medical officer of the ship ordered his removal to the Royal Naval Hospital, where he remains under treatment.

Several correspondents write to the London "Times" to describe a meteor which was seen between 2 and 3 o'clock on the afternoon of Tuesday, January 9. Mr. H. H. P. Bouverie writes from Glynde-place, Lewes:—"While shooting I saw a brilliant meteor, which started from near the moon, that was quite bright at the time; it travelled for a short distance towards the north-east and left a marvellously luminous path of white light. The time of its appearance was as near 2.55 p.m. as possible. I never heard of such a thing being seen in broad daylight." "A.C.E.S." says:—"At 2.55, in brilliant sunlight, a remarkable meteor was seen by a party of five from Reigate-heath, Golf Ground. The course of the meteor was south to north, and it traversed a considerable portion of the heavens. In appearance it resembled a kite with a tail of luminous white colour. It was visible for about a second." The Rev. R. Hudson also writes, from the Drive, Brighton:—"The colour was brilliant white, like an incandescent gas light. There was a nucleus and tail of considerable length. The altitude was about half that of the moon, which was visible at the same time. The sky was cloudless and blue, and the sun was shining brightly. The general effect was that of the falling stick of a rocket, and indeed my first impression was that it was a peculiar daylight rocket, but a moment's consideration of the direction of flight convinced me that it was a very remarkable meteor."

One of the several recent explosions attributable to the ignition of gas beneath the road pavement, through the fusion of faulty electric cables, occurred in Manchester on January 9. A deafening report startled the mercantile men assembled in the Royal Exchange, and drew thousands of other people to a spot outside the building, near the junction of Cross-street and Bank-street, where about 20 yards of stone flags had risen beneath the feet of the passengers. Flames were bursting from one of the holes thus made. No one appeared to have been badly hurt, though several persons were thrown to the ground, and the hats were blown off the heads of wearers. The electric lights within the Exchange suddenly failed, and there was some breakage of windows. The city officials have been lately removing old underground rubber cables, which are liable under some conditions to overheating, and it is expected that the new cables now being laid will be entirely free from danger.

The German "Petersburger Zeitung" writes as follows:—"The journey of the advance guard of the Caucasian Army Corps from Tiflis to Kushk implied, of course, nothing more than the solution of an academic problem involving no menace to Great Britain. English news from Afghanistan, which is moreover false, and alarmist reports from India, doubtless furnished the immediate occasion for placing before Russian troops an interesting task, the achievement of which has been hailed with satisfaction by everyone. At other times the British Government would have accompanied such an announcement with an unjustified clamour about war, but to-day she will appreciate the lesson to be learned from it, namely, that harping on an undisputed naval supremacy is of as little avail in dealing with Russia as against the two South African republics, and she will unquestionably now show herself more pliable in her negotiations with Russia than she might have been expected to do in other circumstances. It is clear that Russia did not aim at producing this effect, but she leaves Great Britain to draw the necessary deductions from the affair." In another part of its political review the journal discusses the seizure of German ships, and remarks that Germany had apparently gained little more than equivocal compliments from negotiations to which she could not give sufficient material support.

TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

EXAMINATION PASS LIST.

In addition to the results published on the 17th ultimo the undermentioned completes the pass list for the examinations held recently in connection with the Technical College. The total number of students examined was 3833, of which 2886 passed. The gold medal presented by the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage for advanced plumbing has been awarded to Arthur H. Juleff. B.H. stands for Broken Hill; Arm., Armidale; G., Goulburn; N., Newcastle; W.M., West Maitland.

Plumbing (Advanced).—Honours: Arthur H. Juleff, Hugh Malcolm, James Ewing (W.M.). First grade: Walter D. Lawson, Charles Knott (N.), Thomas Kennedy, Robert Harvey. Second Grade: Harry Caddy (N.), William H. Osgood, A. E. Wimhurst, Benjamin G. Philpott, Alfred Russell, Frederick W. Bullock, William Parker, Ernest G. Cooper (N.), John T. Haron, Robert C. Sneesby (N.), Charles A. Charlton (N.), John Vintsentz, George Turner, George York, William Porter, Walter J. Davis, George Cruickshank, Arthur S. Harris, Walter E. Jones, William J. Bastion, Arthur Gray (N.), Charles E. Hollyer. Second year—First grade: Thomas G. Hill, Reginald Richards, Arthur H. Steele. Second grade: George B. Maidment, Thomas L. Stoney, Samuel C. Colman (N.), William C. Thomson, Albert W. Chester, Arthur Stewart, Thomas P. Bowe, John D. Murdock, William Miller, Benjamin J. Larkin (N.), John Trotter, George A. Smith (N.), William Mitchell (N.), Owen M'Carthy, Frank Moore, Alfred H. George, John D. Cooper, Charles A. Dennerville, William J. Taylor, Archibald Beard, James C. Barry, Alexander Barr, Edward R. Niblett, Charles W. Curtis, Albert C. Brown. Practical only—First grade: Albert Fenton. Second grade: James G. Woodham, James Doig. Practical and sketch only—Second grade: Leslie W. Finson. First year—Honours: Ira Allen, Percy M. George, Arthur W. Blackwell. First grade: Walter R. Blundell, William J. Craine, Cuthbert J. Pender (W.M.), Charles Simpson, Robert Everett (N.). Second grade: James O'Hare, Thomas G. Hills (N.), Frederick Woodhouse, Norman J. Jenkin, Richard J. O'Hare, Ernest A. Bruce, William Hopkins, Joseph Jacobsen, Walter Hill, Charles Townsend, Andrew R. Gibson, Arthur R. Brown, Alexander Logan, Douglas Auld, Matthew Hilton (N.), William Wilkinson, Joseph Sime, Sidney Ryman, Richard P. Warburton, John Marsden, Frederick S. Harrison. Practical only—First grade: John F. Finnane, Frederick Blakeman. Second grade: Robert Morrison, Ernest W. Watts. Theoretical only—Second grade: John R. Griffiths (N.).

Geology.—Second year—First grade: Harold J. Wright. Second grade: George R. Patten. First year—Honours: Charles G. G. Larcombe. First grade: Ellen S. O'Brien, John B. Crimmings, William Epps, Robert W. Mitchell. Second grade: Benjamin J. Price (N.), William M. West, Charles Doyle, Fred. Hamilton, John N. Jonas (B.H.), Arthur W. Wilson, Charles G. Pearce, Jack M'Carthy, Richard J. Spiers, Harry L. Fry, John Hughes, Edmund R. Lenthall, Bede C. Collingridge, John T. Leeman, James H. Williams, George A. Roberts, Arthur W. Hooke, Chris. Jensen, William Gill, Daniel J. A. Nicolas, Herbert Brown, Ernest J. Goddard (N.), Ernest D. Coventry, (B.H.), Leslie Pius (G.), William Harris (G.).

Mineralogy.—Second year—First grade: Harold J. Wright. First year—Honours: Charles G. G. Larcombe. First grade: John N. Jonas. Second grade: Chris. Jensen, Albert Woods (B.H.), Rowland G. Newton, Edmund R. Lenthall, William Epps, Herbert H. Hart, Daniel J. A. Nicolas, Charles G. Pearce, James H. Williams, Harold Mills (B.H.), George Allen (B.H.), Bede C. Collingridge, Leslie J. Griffiths (B.H.), Francis G. Ebsworth, William A. V. Piper (B.H.), Hercules R. Lamond.

Metallurgy and Mining.—Second year—First grade: Daryl Frankel, George R. Patten. Second grade: John L. Purves, William J. Dunk, Edmund R. Lenthall, Charles H. Bertie, Chris Jensen, Daniel J. A. Nicolas, William J. Thomas. First year—First Grade: Harold J. Wright. Second grade: William J. Dunk, Chris Jensen, Daniel J. A. Nicolas, Arthur F. Howard, Albert Woods (B.H.), Bede C. Collingridge, Edmund H. Lenthall, Milton T. Dunstan (B.H.), William A. V. Piper (B.H.).

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Design.—Second year—Second grade: Thomas A. Kinsey. First year—First grade: John W. Metcalfe (Arm.). Second grade: John C. Stell, Alexander H. Moyes, Jean W. M'Leod. Carpentry.—Second year—Honours: Alfred Bateman.

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GRILL ROOMS, crowded business locality, suitable for 2 ladies, earning £2 weekly, £25. 131 Strand.

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CONFECTIONERY and Refresh., £8 week, must sell, illness, £25. Lowe and Co., 59 Market-st., cr. Pitt-st.

CONFECTIONERY, Refreshments, and Light Luncheon, George-street, £14 week. This is a first-class chance for £80. RALPH LOWE and CO., 59 Market-street, corner Pitt-street.

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GENERAL Store, rent 10s, compact, well stocked, doing trade £9, good value, £75. Williams, 41 Elizabeth-st.

NEWS Agency and Stationery, close to city, rent 7s 6d, 400 papers weekly, blocked run, every trial given, big shop trade, profits clear £6 10s per week. COOKE and CO., 143 King-street.

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P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, main street corner, 10 yrs., 9 x 36 to 4 x 36's, tkgs £25, full price £420, brewers sub.

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, suburb, 11 years, rent £3, pays brewers £140 mth., 36 x 36's, clears £600 p.a., £1050.

P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, best corner, heart city, 14 yrs., 2 bars, takings £100 week, big accommodation, £850.

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PETERSHAM.—Pretty Detached New Villa, 4 rooms and kit., land 25 x 117, £365, terms. Kitt, 38 Eliz.-st.

ROCKDALE.—£275 cash or terms, 5-rm. D.F. Cottage, ex. con., spl. views, ld. 40 x 132. Brooks, Cameron-st.

MOSMAN, Grumley's Subd.—Choice SITES, from 30s. M'Intyre, 30 Junction-st., North Sydney.

WAVERLEY.—New gent.'s det. Cottage, 7 rooms, bargain, terms. 102 Ebley-st., Waverley.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Wednesday Evening.

Business in the Stock and Share market to-day was again quiet, with very little movement in quotations. New South Wales Funded Stock was sold at 99½ ex interest. Banks were steady, New South Wales and Commercial of Sydney selling at recent quotations. Bank deposits remained as before. Newcastle Steam lapsed to 17s 9d, at which business was done. Insurance were unaltered, no sales transpiring. For Goulburn Gaslight 44s 3d was paid, Grafton being offered at 24s 6d. There was no alteration in breweries, a sale of Albury at 6s 9d being the only transaction. Slight alterations in the list of miscellaneous stocks represented no real movement, Richardson and Wrench, Limited, being quitted at 11s.

The following sales were reported on the Sydney Stock Exchange:—Forenoon: Goulburn Gas, 44s 3d. Noon: Bank of New South Wales, 39½; Richardson and Wrench, 11s. Later: Newcastle and Hunter River Steam, 17s 9d; Commercial Bank of Sydney, 25½; New South Wales Funded Stock, 3 per cent., 99½. Afternoon: Albury Brewery, 6s 9d. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	*Yield to depositors.
F. STOCK, &c.	£	£	£	P.C.				P.C.
N.S.W. F.S., 1900, ex int.	2,549,350	...	...	4	109	107	109	3¾
Do. Act, 1873	530,182	...	...	4	116	...	115	3½
Do. 3 p.c., 1924	3,223,622	...	...	3	99½	...	99¼	3
Do. Deb. 1907	399,300	...	...	5	104	103	...	3¼
Do. 5 p.c., 1901	374,900	...	...	...	102½	...	...	...
Qland D., 1913	...	...	...	4	107	106	...	3½
N.Z. D., 1913	300,000	...	...	4	107½	106	...	3½
Colonial Sugar D., 1914	...	...	...	5	113	112	...	3¾
Chillagoe 6 per cent. Deb., £20 cert'c'tes	...	...	...	...	58½	...	...	...
BANKS.								
Aust. J. S.	1,167,207	10	7½	...	1/8	...	...	...
Australasia	1,600,000	40	40	7	...	63	...	...
Royal of Q.	386,630	9	5¼	3½	50	...	...	5½
City	240,000	10	8	4	80/	79/	81/	8
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4	75/	77/	80/	8½
Com. of A. pref.	2,117,070	10	10	2	6/13/6	6¾	6¾	3
Com. of Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	9	25½	25¾	...	4¼
E. of Aus. ord.	1,071,356	10	7	...	80/	79/	...	...
Ditto, pref.	305,780	10	10	5	...	11½	...	...
N.S. Wales	1,980,000	20	20	9	39½	39¾	39½	4¾
North Qnsind.	100,000	7	2	...	11/	...	...	...
Qnsland. Nat.	412,880	5	3	...	...	...	...	...
Union	1,500,000	75	25	6	35½	...	34½	...
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bank Class A	...	...	...	3	12/9	12/5	13/	4¾
Class B	...	...	...	3	12/1½	12/	12/3	5
Ditto Insc.	787,663	...	...	3½	10/3	10/	10/9	7
Com. of Aus. A. ser., 1898	991,162	...	...	3	19/2	19/	...	3½
Ditto assets	...	...	...	3	16/9	16/9	...	3¾
E.S.A. series	...	...	...	...	14/9	14/9	...	...
Insc. pref.	883,727	...	...	3	12/	11/9	...	4½
Ditto, def.	875,676	...	...	3	13/6	13/3	...	4¾
Ditto Deb.	983,547	...	...	4	17/9	17/9	...	4¾
Ditto Ter.	469,474	...	...	4	20/	19/7½	...	4
Nat. of Aust.	...	...	...	4½	...	19/9	...	4½
Q. Nat.	...	...	...	3½	14/6	14/6	14/9	4¾
STEAM.								
Illawarra	58,096	7	3½	8½	6	5¾	6¼	5
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	6	17/9	17/9	18/	6¾
Nth. Coast	121,747	1	17/6	8	21/	20/9	21/	6¾
Syd. Ferries	120,000	1	1	...	34/6	34/6	...	...
Port Jackson	25,000	50	45/	10	33/	30/	31/	7¼
Ditto Co-op. Deb. Sha.	9,362	...	1	5	16/6	16/	...	6
INSURANCE.								
A. M. Fire	37,500	1	7/6	18¾	25/3	24/	...	5¾
Mer. Mutual	26,250	1	3/6	26¾	10/3	10/2	10/6	9
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	10	...	...	...	6¾
United	62,500	10	2½	10	64/	65/	...	7¾
Ditto, New	5,725	10	12/6	10	14/9	14/6	...	8¾
GAS.								
Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	18/	17/	...	7
Australian	81,793	6	6	9/	17/6	17½	17¾	5¼
C. Towers	20,000	10/	13/	10	14/3	...	...	7
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	44/3	44/	45/	6¾
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	24/3	...	24/6	6¾
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	24/	...	...	6
Ditto, New	5,000	1	10/	7	13/	12/	13/	5¼
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	6	16/	15/	...	7¼
Newcastle	25,128	2	2	15	5¾	6	6¾	5
Ditto	...	2	5/	15	...	12/0	...	...
Nth Shore	100,000	1	1	6	27/6	27/6	30/	4¾
Ditto, new	...	...	20/	...	...	27/3	...	4¾
BREW'RIES.								
Albury	10,500	1	10/	5	6/9	6/9	6/11	7¼
Ditto	4,000	1	1	5	...	...	...	...
Australian	86,000	1	1	...	5/	...	5/6	...
C'tlm. & Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	4	12/6	12/	12/9	6¾
Marshall's	29,701	10/	5/	6	4/	3/11	4/2	9
Perkins'	88,339	15/	15/	13¼	...	31/	...	...
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	7	26/	25/6	26/	5¾
MISCEL'N'S.								
Aarons'	17,000	15/	10/	...	...	...	2/6	...
Aus. News	40,000	1	1	...	17/6	20/	...	...
B.H.W. Sup.	186,500	1	1	15	27/9	26/6	30/	11
Burns, Philp	250,000	1	1	8	33/	32/6	36/	5
New Issue	...	1	5/	8	8/6	8/	...	4¾
Ditto Rights	...	...	...	...	2/9	...	...	...
C. T. Pyrites	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Col. Sugar	1,702,000	20	20	10	30¾	30¾	30¾	6½
New Issue	...	...	10	10	25	...	...	...
Dalgety Co.	1,000,000	20	5	8	5¾	5¾	...	7¼
Emu B. Rail.	100,000	1	1	...	9/	6/6	10/	...
Emu Gravel	34,000	1	1	4½	8/6	6/	...	...
Melb. Co., con	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Melb Trams.	480,000	1	10	6	14/1½	14/	15/	4¾
Mont de Piete	72,983	1	1	7½	23/3	23/4½	23/9	6¾
Ditto New	1,568	1	10	7½	20/	...	...	...
Mort's Dock	150,000	1	1	6	16/	...	...	7¼
Ditto Pref.	50,000	1	1	6	21/3	21/	21/6	5¾
F. Fd. Ice	153,000	1	18/	8	18/5	18/6	19/	7¾
Shale and Oil	75,000	1	15/	...	4/3	4/2	4/6	...
New York and B. Tob.	15,000	1	1	10	21/	19/	20/	9¾
Perm. Trustee	25,000	5	2/6	5	1/11	...	2/	6
Perpet Trust.	25,000	10	5/	7	8/6	7/9	8/3	4
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	5	11/	10/9	11/6	9
Sil. Trams	197,[illegible]	1	1	40	94/6	94/3	95/	8¾
Syd. Exchange	30,000	10	10	7	14¼	...	...	4¾
Syd. Hydraulic	75,000	1	1	10	41/	41/	42/	5
Ditto, 10s paid	37,500	1	10	...	21/3	21/	21/9	...
Vol. L. Orders	...	...	...	...	...	...	195	...
LAND & BD.								
Aus. Mut. Dep.	...	...	...	...	7d	...	...	...
Excelsior Dep.	...	...	...	...	7/6	7/6	...	...
Fed. B. Dep.	...	...	...	...	14	...	...	...
Haymark't D.	...	...	13/	3	12/6	12/6	...	...
Indust. Prov.	67,825	20	20	6	20	...	...	6
Inter. B. Dep.	33,204	1	15/	7	13/	12/6	13/6	8
N'castle S. & L.	...	...	...	...	...	10/	...	...
Sy. Pre. Land	...	...	...	...	6/10	6/	...	...
Syd. and S. Dep.	...	...	...	...	10/	5/	...	...

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on year's distribution; otherwise on the last half-yearly one.

The London Stock Exchange quotations for colonial bank deposits on January 11 were as follows:—

Australian Joint Stock Bank, "A" series, buyer 18s, seller 19s 6d; ditto ditto, "B" series, buyer 12s 6d, seller 13s 6d; Australian Deposit and Mortgage Bank, buyer 10s, seller 12s 6d; Bank of Victoria deposits, buyer 19s 6d, seller 20s 6d; Commercial Bank of Australia, "A" series, buyer 18s 6d, seller 19s 6d; ditto, 4 per cent. pref., £10 fully paid, buyer £5 11s 3d, seller £5 13s 9d; Special Asset Trust Company, Limited, deposit receipt, buyer 15s 6d, seller 16s 6d; English, Scottish, and Australian Bank terminable deposits, buyer 17s 6d, 40 per cent. paid; ditto inscribed stock, pref., buyer 18s; ditto ditto, def., buyer 12s; ditto debentures, 4 per cent., buyer 16s; ditto full series, buyer 15s; Federal Assets debenture stock, buyer 8s; ditto ditto shares, buyer 6½; London Bank of Australia deposits, buyer 19s 6d, seller 20s 6d; National Bank of Australasia deposits, buyer 19s 6d, seller 20s 6d; Queensland National Bank inscribed stock, buyer 13s 6d, seller 14s; Royal Bank of Queensland deposits, 4½ per cent., buyer 16s, seller 18s, 25 per cent. paid; ditto ditto, 3 and 3½ per cent., buyer 15s, seller 17s, 50 per cent. paid; Standard Bank of Australia, buyer 1s 6d.

Although the price of £843 per foot obtained at auction for the three allotments sold at Martin-place to-day falls short of that obtained for the three sold at the Pitt-street junction in 1892, when an average of £1260 per foot to Martin-place was obtained, the result is regarded by business men as a distinct progressive movement from the time of the collapse of 1893. Treating the block as a George-street frontage, with a depth of 94ft. 6in. along Martin-place and Martin-lane, the price of £1020 per foot compares favourably with the results of some recent sales. In October the frontage to George-street, occupied by Messrs. George Robertson and Co., with a depth of 115ft., brought about £570 per foot, including buildings; in June, 1898, vacant land adjoining Messrs. Lassetter and Co.'s, with a depth of 75ft. 10in., brought £380 per foot. In December last, the Angel Inn, in Pitt-street, on land having a frontage of 20ft. to Pitt-street, by a depth of 66ft., brought £620 per foot.

Considerable as was the increase in the production of gold in the colonies last year, the yield this year promises to be still greater. The following show the figures for the month of January:—

	Jan., 1899.	Jan., 1900.	Increase.
	Ozs.	Ozs.	Ozs.
W. Australia (export)	110,080	143,819	33,739
Queensland	54,684	59,861	5,177
Victoria (Mint receipts)	68,820	58,614	...
N. S. Wales	39,010	42,176	3,166
N. Zealand (export)	33,249	38,289	5,040
	305,853	342,759	37,006

In Victoria the Mint receipts of gold, the produce of the colony showed a decrease of 10,206oz., but from all the other colonies there was an increase. The net increase was 37,006oz., and if this be maintained, large as was the output last year, it will be exceeded by a million and a half sterling this year.

As the result of the activity in business in the United Kingdom, the banks generally continue to maintain their higher rates of dividend, and in some instances to increase them. In the last half of 1899, the London and Westminster raised its dividend from 14 to 16 per cent., having been 10 per cent. in 1895; the London Joint Stock advanced from 10 to 12 per cent., from 9 per cent. in 1895, and the rise in the case of the Union of London was from 11 to 12 per cent., having been 9 per cent. Provincial banks also have generally improved their profit-earning position, a number having declared higher dividends.

The value of the imports into Sydney for the week ended February 10 was £289,924, against £425,447 in the corresponding week of 1899. The value of the exports in the week amounted to £507,022, against £247,078. From the beginning of the year the trade has been as follows:—

	1899.	1900.	Increase or Decrease.
IMPORTS.			
Merchandise	£2,162,150	£2,232,292	Inc. £69,142
Gold	305,960	329,969	Inc. 24,009
Total	£2,468,110	£2,561,261	Inc. £93,151
EXPORTS.			
Merchandise	£2,093,971	£2,496,019	Inc. £402,048
Gold	541,599	76,381	Dec. 465,218
Total	£2,635,570	£2,572,400	Dec. £63,170

The imports of merchandise showed an increase of 3·1 per cent., and the exports one of 20·9 per cent.

The statistical branch of the Customs Department in Victoria has published a memorandum giving a comparative statement of the imports and exports of the colony for 1899. The principal figures are as follows:—

	1898.	1899.	Increase.
Imports	£16,705,904	£17,989,894	£1,283,990
Exports	15,872,246	18,567,780	2,695,534

Both imports and exports show an increase—the latter a very considerable one. In 1899 the imports exceeded the exports by £896,858; in 1898 the exports were greater than the imports by £614,886. The trade of Victoria was in altogether a better position last year than in 1898, for the exports of its own produce, other than gold and silver bullion, amounted to £9,681,736, as against £5,879,747. The total value of all exports of articles the product and manufacture of Victoria during 1899 reached £14,038,600, whilst during 1898 it was £11,778,883, or an increase for 1899 of £2,259,717, the enhanced price of wool accounting to some extent for this large increase, the value of which for 1899 being £1,369,141 over that for 1898. In butter the increase was £670,505. Wheat also shows a large increase—viz., £1,057,979, and to a less degree hay and chaff—viz., £132,791, and flour, £113,264, gold bullion and specie showing a decrease of £1,542,272. The balance of goods of Victorian produce and manufacture shows an increase on the previous year of £458,309.

The fifty-eighth half-yearly meeting of the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, Limited, was held to-day, Sir John Lackey presiding. The directors' report, which was adopted, showed that its purchases during the half-year comprised 272,179 sheep and 554 cattle, making a total for the year of 638,619 sheep and 1438 cattle. The trade demand for preserved meats in the United Kingdom was reported as active, having absorbed all shipments as they arrived, and the military forces in South Africa were also largely supplied. The branch factory at Darling Harbour has been completed, and busily engaged during the last five months. The balance-sheet showed the receipts, including £28,367 carried forward, amounted to £196,697, and the expenditure to £171,044, leaving £25,653 to be carried forward.

At the annual meeting of the Industrial and Provident Permanent Benefit, Building, and Investment Society to-day, under the presidency of Sir Arthur Renwick, the report, of which we have given the chief features, was adopted. Sir Arthur Renwick and Mr. F. H. Reuss as directors, and Dr. Thos. Dixson as auditor, were re-elected.

Mr. John Fitzsimons, late resident secretary of the Citizens' Life Assurance Company, Limited, in Victoria, has been appointed assistant general secretary on the executive staff at the head office, Sydney.

From our London wool letter to January 12 it will be seen that up to that time the prospect of prices being maintained seemed pretty well assured, thus giving countenance to the views of those who regard the slump in London at the sales in the then next week as due to the weakness at the opening sales of the year in the colonial markets. The amount of wool to be submitted at the third series is limited to 300,000 bales.

The tone of the local wool market to-day was pretty much the same as yesterday—certainly no worse. The catalogues comprised 3498 bales, and the sales, public and private, aggregated 3121 bales. The highest price paid for greasy was 14d, and for scoured 25½d.

Marshall's Paddington Brewery, Limited, Paddington, has declared an interim dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, payable on the 22nd instant.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat was steady at 2s 8d to 2s 8½d for primest, with good milling samples at 2s 7d, ex trucks Darling Harbour. The demand was not as active as a week or so back. Flour remained quiet at £6 5s to £6 15s per ton. Manitoba sold slowly at £9 10s.

The Railway Commissioners have furnished us with the following return showing the quantity of wheat stacked at the various railway stations on February 10, which we have compared with a similar return about the same time last year:—

	Feb. 25, 1899.	Feb. 10, 1900.
	Bags.	Bags.
Temora	—	5,970
The Rock	—	2,000
Henty	1,000	2,800
Burrumbuttock	3,600	6,400
Brocklesby	12,300	14,760
Carnstale	—	1,000
Hopefield	900	5,800
Corowa	50,500	4,600
Gerogery	—	6,656
Old Junee	800	4,595
Coolamon	8,010	15,100
Finley	—	2,300
Wellington	4,800	3,758
Narromine	—	12,000
Cowra	114	274
Total	76,924	84,884

Neither return is quite complete, inasmuch as figures are not available from all the stations in each instance. Still, they are sufficiently so to afford a valuable comparison.

Messrs. John Darling and Sons, writing from Adelaide on February 12, stated that the supplies were about equal to the demand, shipping going at a fairly free rate to South Africa and Europe, values being given at 2s 7½d to 2s 8d per bushel for farmers' lots, and 2s 8d to 2s 8½d for shipping parcels f.o.b. Port Adelaide. Ordinary brands of flour did not meet with a very large inquiry, and were quoted at £5 15s to £5 17s 6d per ton f.o.b. Adelaide, while for best roller millers were not prepared to accept anything under £6 5s to £6 7s 6d per ton f.o.b.

The exports of wheat and flour from Victoria since the beginning of the year, according to the "Argus," have been as follows:—

	Wheat.	Flour.
	Bags.	Bags.
Victorian produce	276,099	41,803
N.S.W. produce	17,109	561
Transhipped	3,290	450
Totals	296,498	42,814

According to a notice published in the "Deutscher Reichsanzeiger," the Ottoman Government has decided to prohibit the exportation of cereals from the vilayet of Erzeroum until next harvest. An exception is to be made in favour of cereals exported under contracts which have already been made. The imports of wheat from Turkey into the United Kingdom have gradually been falling off. For the first 11 months of 1899 the imports totalled only 27,100 quarters, whereas during the same period in 1898 271,560 quarters, and in 1897 1,805,480 quarters were imported from that country.

The Oroya took to-day 200 bags of flour and 504 bags of wheat, shipped to London by J. Marks.

IMPORT MARKET.

Although there was a somewhat greater display of activity to-day than yesterday, still trade cannot be described as by any means buoyant. Small orders were freely enough received, and these aggregate to a respectable total at the end of each week, but large bulk lines were conspicuously absent. The high prices are, of course, calculated to cause buyers to restrict their orders and hold as small stocks as is consistent with the character of their trade. Prices showed no general movement of note. Kerosene, though cabled higher from New York, sold at lower prices locally, and the outlook of the market is by no means bright. Should perchance there prove to be some foundation in the rumoured early settlement of the freight fight, then this line may benefit later on. A little more forward business in woolpacks for next season's requirements was compassed at prices that show practically no variation from the rates that have ruled for some weeks back. Tea sold quietly, sugar being firmly held. In groceries some fair transactions were advised, while Eastern produce, though generally firm in prices, did not sell very freely in merchants' parcels. Dried fruits continued consistently quiet. Liquors were without feature of note. Metallic lines found a strong market throughout.

Tea.—Privately the following sales were reported:—50 chests of Ceylons, 8d to 8½d; 40 Indians, 8d; and 100 heavy-weight Chinas, 7d.

To-morrow (Thursday) morning Messrs. Fraser, Uther, and Co. will offer catalogues comprising 454 packages of Ceylon teas and 832 Indians, on account of the importers; also 565 packages of Ceylon and Indians ex recent arrivals, on account of Messrs. Fraser, Ramsay, and Co., and other importers.

Sugar.—Firmness prevailed in this market without material change. Since the beginning of the year beet sugar has advanced 10½d per cwt., and Java cane sugar 6d per cwt. in London. The operations of the Americans are said to be partly the cause of the stiff advance.

The barque Shakespeare arrived to-day from Mauritius with 1300 tons of sugar consigned to Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co.

Groceries.—Two tons of Colman's packet starch were placed at £25 7s 6d, and 1 ton at £25 10s. Twenty-five tons of red rock salt sold to arrive at 28s, spot lots going at 30s for red and 25s for white. 100 cases of Smith's kippered herrings changed hands on private terms. Twenty-five cases of Jean half-sardines were sold at 3s 7½d. A few tons of haricot beans sold at 6s, most holders asking 6s 6d. Contracts were made for 2000 cases of Bell's wax vestas in plaids, and 100 cases of tins, for forward delivery at agents' prices; also a shipment of ditto to arrive ex Caramoney was booked to arrive.

Dried Fruits.—100 boxes of apricots moved off at 9d per lb.

Eastern Produce.—The town business continued quiet, but the country trade was actively pursued. Japan rice sold in hand-to-mouth parcels at £15 10s, the Airlie's shipment coming to a depressed market. Rangoon rice had some alteration, 40 tons being taken to arrive at £10 10s to £11 for large and small bags respectively. The market will be further replenished on the arrival of the Vadala in the course of a few days. Sagos and tapiocas sold slowly at £16 10s to £17 for seed and £17 10s for medium pearl and flaked, these prices leaving no margin over laid-down costs. Peppers, like sagos, were cabled firm in the producing centre. Whole white was quoted on spot at 10½d, and whole black at 7½d. Coffees were very slow of sale at 13d to 13½d for Ceylon plantation, and 8d to 11d for American. Canary seed was variously quoted from £12 10s to £13 10s. Hempseed remained at £21; linseed, £14; and rapeseed, £13 10s. Spices did not move off very readily, nutmegs at 1s 6d to 1s 9d, according to sample; mace, 1s 9d to 2s; cloves, 5½d; pimento, 5½d; and carraways, 3½d to 3¾d.

Liquors.—A fair inquiry was experienced at late market rates. Hennessy's brandy sold at 34s to 34s 3d for one-star and 45s to 45s 3d for three-star. Key gin went at 10s 9d for 15-bottle and 11s 6d for 16's. Lowndes' rum had attention in small lots at 3s 9d.

Metallic Lines.—20 tons each of Nos. 8 and 10 American fencing wire sold at £10 15s and £11 12s 6d. Barbed wire was quoted at £14. 250 cases of wire nails moved off to arrive at 7½ per cent. off list; five tons of galvanised hoops realised £19 10s. Private cables advise a reduction of 2½ per cent. in the discount off tubes.

Jute Goods.—Bran bags remained firm, with steady inquiries at 3s 10½d. Cornsacks were quiet at 5s 9d with a concession for lines. 200 bales of woolpacks were taken up on c.i.f. and e. terms from Calcutta, the market there being cabled firm, but steady with very little fluctuation in prices during the past few weeks. Cornsacks for next season's shipment have been quoted, but it is rather early for buyers to seriously consider the position. Messrs. Kiernander and Co., writing from Calcutta on January 9, state:—"The export trade generally has been greatly upset by the uncertainty of exchange at present. The announcement of the Secretary of State stopping the sale of wire transfers caused a sharp rise here. We hope the market will right itself in a day or two, but in the meantime it makes business difficult. The woolpack market throughout the week has been very firm, and a fairly large business has been done, chiefly in heavies, for delivery in February to June."

Oils.—Kerosene was rather sick at 9½d and 9¼d for ordinary brands and Snowflake respectively. Castorwas quoted so firm from Calcutta that indentors find orders difficult to secure.

The customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £3528. The principal items were:—

Spirits, £1684; wine, £88; ale, porter, and beer, £136; tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £377; tea, £86; opium, £143; dried and candied fruits £26; harbour and light rates, £32; pilotage, £110; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £512; excise on beer, £186. Total, £3528.

EXPORT MARKET.

Review of the Frozen Meat Trade.—Messrs. W. Weddel and Co.'s annual review of the frozen meat trade during 1899 is to hand. It deals, as usual, comprehensively with all phases of the industry. By their ignoring the well-recognised rule that the demand for meat in the United Kingdom slackens off during the autumn months, New Zealand shippers are said to have brought disappointment and loss to themselves and to all concerned in the industry. There were, however, other contributory causes, which to an extent militated against good prices, these being, first, the number of drought-stricken and damaged shipments coming from Australia, which had to be cleared at reduced prices, and thus weakened the market all round; secondly, shipments of New Zealand and Australian mutton in store and afloat were in many cases held off the market for unpracticable limits, until stocks became accumulated and became stale; thirdly, heavy shipments of New Zealand lambs came to hand after the proper season was quite over, these late arrivals being either forced on the market or kept in store, thus proving a menace to the trade till disposed of. In addition to these drawbacks was the fact that shipments of frozen rabbits from Australasia reached such proportions that they were a serious factor in checking the sale of frozen meats, the 3500 tons received over and above the previous year's heavy import probably displacing a corresponding weight of colonial mutton and lamb. On the other hand, the general prosperity of the working classes and the general high prices ruling in the spring and summer months kept up the general average of prices, and made them compare favourably with those of the preceding year. The demand for provisioning the British army in South Africa and the American forces in the Philippines also had a beneficial effect. To this may be added the fact that imports of live cattle and sheep were decidedly light. The imports of chilled beef, however, were abnormally heavy, the receipts aggregating 2,847,034cwt., or 523,535cwt. in excess of the previous year, which was the heaviest year previously recorded. The actual imports into the United Kingdom during the past five years were as follows:—

	Australia.	New Zealand.	River Plate.
	Carcases.	Carcases.	Carcases.
1895	1,005,508	2,412,231	1,615,798
1896	1,643,243	2,211,896	1,769,496
1897	1,497,427	2,793,845	2,055,135
1898	1,248,683	2,794,101	2,387,337
1899	1,204,051	3,330,100	2,494,618

In addition to the figures above given, there were 20,000 carcases imported during 1899 from Patagonia. The White Star line's direct service to Liverpool is regarded as an important feature, being an attack by Australian shippers better equipped than heretofore on the River Plate's stronghold. The continued increase of the number of provincial stores catering for the requirements of the frozen meat trade is another significant and gratifying point. Some shippers from Australia maintained the standard of their brands; others sent almost worthless carcases. These caused heavy condemnations by the health authorities. Other matters received minute attention, such as the storage and discharge of steamers, condition of cargoes and insurance, c.i.f. business, Frozen Meat Trade Association, freight, the frozen meat works of the world, Australasian and Argentine methods, and the live cattle and sheep trades. The general outlook is fraught with some uncertainty, but the general prosperity in the manufacturing centres ensures a fairly good all-round demand, though the level of values does not promise to be much, if any, higher than during the year just closed.

Australian Wine Trade.—Messrs. Burgoyne and Co., of London, inform us that during the year 1899 there were imported into England 739,153 gallons of Australian wine, as against 717,591 gallons in 1898, an increase of 21,562 gallons. At the end of 1898 there was a small falling-off in the imports as compared with 1897, and this continued up to April, 1899, the deficiency amounting to 43,000 gallons on the first four months of the year. When the additional duty was imposed in April there was an almost universal feeling that the trade would be ruined. On the contrary, however, it had just the opposite effect. It is interesting to note that in Mr. Burgoyne's letter to the Australian press, of May 5, the following sentence appeared:—"We do not think the extra duty will limit the consumption of Australian wines."

Butter Exports.—R.M.S. Oroya sailed to-day for London with the following butter shipments:—T. F. and I. Company, 700 boxes; Creamery Butter Company, 580; Foley Brothers, Limited, 450; Farmers' Co-operative Company, 200; Berrima District Company, 150; H. Prescott and Co., 100; T. Mitchell, 60; T. Clarke, 30; from Queensland, 1840; total, 1140 boxes.

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 291 bales of wool were manifested to arrive by rail, and 88 came forward by rail at Newcastle yesterday.

Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, report having received the following cable from their London house under yesterday's date:—"The third series of wool sales have been fixed to commence on May 8, limited 300,000 bales."

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Feb. 13.

WHEAT AND FLOUR STATISTICS.

	Feb. 15, 1899.	Feb. 6, 1900.	Feb. 13, 1900.
Afloat—	Quarters.	Quarters.	Quarters.
For United Kingdom	2,674,000	1,925,000	2,040,000
For Continent	1,285,000	810,000	840,000
Total	3,959,000	2,735,000	2,880,000

BANK SHARES, &c.

Bank of Australasia, 2 higher at 65.

Bank of New South Wales, unchanged at 39.

Union Bank of Australia, ½ lower at 32½.

National Bank of New Zealand, unchanged at 2¼.

Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent. guaranteed stock, ½ higher at 101.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 105.

City of Melbourne 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 106.

Melbourne Harbour Trust 4 per cent. bonds, unchanged at 103.

Melbourne Tramway Trust 4½ per cent. debentures, unchanged at 107½.

New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company 4 per cent. prior lien deb. stock, unchanged at 91.

M'Cracken's Brewery 4 per cent. debentures, 1 lower at 70.

LONDON WOOL MARKET.

LONDON, Jan. 12.

The near approach of the Wool auctions here, has brought into activity the Brokers, and others connected with the industry in London. Transactions by private treaty have been of smallest dimensions, both buyer and seller feeling disposed to wait and try the public auctions, rather than risk an, using, both sides hoping to do better by public competition.

The Selling Brokers met on January 9, to arrange the programme of the first auctions for the year. Beginning January 16, they continue until 27th instant, or 11 selling days. The total available is 195,280 bales, comprised as follows:—New South Wales, 42,779 bales; Victorian, 34,767 bales; Queensland, 11,318 bales; South Australian, 24,556 bales; West Australian, 7,664 bales; Tasmanian, 124 bales; New Zealand, 22,750 bales; South African, 51,321 bales. Of these 58,500 have gone direct to Yorkshire and the Continent, held over wools are 4,800, which leaves a net available total of 141,080 bales.

There should be a fair show of good merino combing sorts, which will afford an excellent opportunity of testing the demand. Whilst prices all around will be firm, there may not be a very striking advance upon the current high level thus far established. The quantity is not large, and should America operate to any large extent, the proportion of merino wool will be small enough for the demands from all sides. One factor will act as a slight check no doubt which was not much in evidence during the two or three preceding series. This time a good deal of purchased wool in the colonies will be at its destination, and arriving by every incoming vessel. The range of values of "tops" from these supplies will probably tend to lower the level than otherwise, as holders may be disposed to do business if they can see a profit on "tops" made from direct imports, which must be cheaper than wools bought last series in London. On the other hand, there is evidence of shortage from all quarters—Australia, South Africa, and River Plate—so as the year wears on consumers may realise that fine wools will become more difficult to get, should the fashion continue on those grades. To cull from the carefully compiled figures of leading brokers, readers of these notes may be interested to know that the rise on merino and fine crossbred wools during 1899 was over 60 per cent., some would say nearer 70 per cent., and coarser crossbreds 40 per cent., or say a bale of wool is now worth more than half as much more as same period last year. The average value of a bale in 1898 was £12. The year just gone registers £19 per bale. This improvement will in some measure compensate for the great losses caused by drought, which is estimated to be during the past four years over 20 million sheep, or something like 260,000 bales, equal to 3¼ million pounds sterling or more. It is needless to say what a boon the improvement in values will be to the grower, but during the past year he only partially benefited, as the rise was progressive from series to series, whilst in the present season there is every reason to believe he will benefit throughout the year.

It is interesting to note the proportion of merino wools with crossbred covering 10 years. In 1899 the proportion of crossbreds on the whole production of Australia and South America was on 17 per cent., but in 1899 it was 45 per cent., or a total of more than one-fourth larger than 1889.

The sales of River Plate wools during the current week indicate that there is a considerable margin as between seller and buyer. The attendance was good; but the demand fell off as buyers seemed to think it was little use bidding on account of the high limits as reserve prices. Out of 5800 bales offered 3600 bales were withdrawn.

Woollen and worsted cloth trades are as well employed on good contracts as ever. The flannel trade is equally good. Some very large Government contracts are just coming out which will test the capacities of all available machinery, as quick delivery is important. The "top" markets would indicate firm rates but continued caution on the part of spinners, who, rather than operate largely, prefer to wait the opening of the sales next week.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

Oats, prime feed, sold up to 2s 1½d; ordinary, 1s 11½d; Danish, up to 1s 10½d.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Stock Exchange adjourned at midday to allow members to attend the patriotic race meeting at Flemington. Metropolitan Board of Works 3½ per cents. (1935) sold £99 15s; National Bank, ordinary 8ls, and pref. £11 6s, £11 5s; Royal Bank, 12s 9d; Commercial Bank deposit receipts, 19s 4d; Shamrock Brewery, 9s; Melbourne Tram, 14s 6d; Silverton Tram, 95s; Melbourne Hydraulic, 16s 8d, and paid 33s.

Wheat was firm, and a fair business was done up to 2s 9½d; large parcels are worth 2s 10d. Flour is £6 10s. Bran is up to 8½d on spot, and a large business was done for March delivery at 8½d. Pollard is scarce at 10½d. Malting barley is 3s 6d to 4s; prime, 4s 1d; superior, 4s 3d. Cape barley, 2s to 2s 3d. Good Algerian oats are active at 2s 2½d to 2s 3d; lower qualities are slow of sale, and are down to 2s 0½d. Maize is weak up to 2s 7d. Chaff is dull at 47s 6d; prime green is scarce at 47s 6d to 50s. Colac potatoes, 50s to 55s. Onions, 50s to 55s. 25 tons of Queensland second white sugar sold at £21 5s. Sales of tea cover 75 packages Ceylon, 6½d to 9d; 80 chests Indian, 5½d to 7d; 120 half-chests Oolong, 7¼d. Good Patras currants, in half-cases, sold at 5½d to 5¾d; provincials, 4½d to 5d. A large business was done in medium sardines for export, covering 200 cases quarters and 100 cases halves. Salt salmon was steady at 3¼d. Bluestone is rather active—Macclesfield, £30; Japanese, £28; Wallerno, £27 10s. Bi-carbonate of soda sold for export at £7 7s 6d. Fifty kegs of cream of tartar sold for export. Ten tons of canary seed sold on the basis of £14 10s for good samples. Branbags, 3s 10½d. A large business was done in G.C. iron. Business in fencing wire covered 50 tons German No. 8, 60 tons American No. 8, and 16 tons American No. 10. 300 boxes of tinplates sold for arrival this week at 22s 6d. About 4000 cases kerosene were sold; stocks on spot are 185,830 cases. Factory butter sold at 8½d to 9d; choice slightly higher. Eggs are dull at 7d.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

PALMER'S ISLAND, Wednesday.

The Kallatina left here at 9 a.m. with 632 bags maize, 43 bags bark, 12 bags pumpkins, 65 bags potatoes, 403 boxes butter, 100 sides bacon, 6 bags game, 4 bundles skins, 103 cases eggs, 617 cases meat, 20 cases fish, 3 cases fruit, 126 casks tallow, 16 coops poultry, 3 horses, 1155 hides, 3 cases molasses, 15 pieces timber, 20 pigs, 5000 spokes, 36 cans cream, sundries.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Wednesday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

Despite this being an "off day" a good deal of business was done in general produce to-day. Movements in prices were a rise in cheese and a fall in potatoes and local onions. There was a good inquiry reported for maize, which ruled somewhat firmer on the strength of the smaller stocks on the wharfs. Oats also had slightly improved sale. Barley, peas, and chickwheat were more or less neglected. A steady sale was noted for both bran and pollard at 8d and 9d to 9½d per bushel respectively. Imported chaff was in better request, about £3 2s 6d being the top price for prime samples. Owing to the small supplies forward by rail local chaff had pretty ready sale under the hammer this morning. About 300 bales of lucerne arrived from the Hunter. The sale for this article was fairly brisk at late firm prices. Imported straw was in good request at late advanced rates. Owing to the increased quantities offering, potatoes were cheaper. With the exception of Tasmanian Circulars, which sold well, the inquiry was slack. Choice onions were unchanged, while inferior local sorts were plentiful and dull of sale. In dairy produce, as usual on a Wednesday, trade was quiet in all lines except cheese. The fresh supplies of cheese received to-day met a bare market. Agents, in consequence, experienced no difficulty in making sales at a rise of ½d per lb. all round. Now that prices have reached a high level it is probable that shipments of New Zealand cheese may be offering before long. Eggs were irregular in price, owing to the many different qualities coming forward.

Wholesale quotations were:—

FEED-GRAIN MARKET.

Oats.—Plentiful. New Zealand prime feed quoted to 2s 1, medium, 2s 3d to 2s 4½d per bushel.

Maize.—Better sale. Northern river weevily 2s 2d to 2s 5d; best 2s 6d; special lots, 2s 7d; new, 2s to 2s 5d; choice, 2s 6d; choice, free from weevil, 2s 9d; American, 2s 8d to 2s 9d per bushel.

Peas.—Blue, 3s 6d; grey, 2s 10d to 3s per bushel.

Barley.—Cape, choice, 2s 4d to 2s 6d; feed, 2s per bushel; English feed, 2s per bushel.

Chickwheat.—Plentiful, 2s 2d to 2s 3½d; New Zealand, 2s 3½d to 2s 5d per bushel.

FORAGE MARKET.

Hay.—Local oaten in bundles, prime rack, to £4 to £4 2s 6d; medium, £2 15s to £3 5s; chaffing sorts, to £2 5s; imported choice, £4 5s per ton.

Lucerne.—Plentiful. Prime, £2 17s 6d to £3; medium, £2 10s to £2 15s; railway, small bales, £3 2s 6d per ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed, local, £2 5s to £2 7s 6d; imported, £2 10s; local bundled to £2 5s per ton.

Chaff.—Imported: Prime, £3 to £3 2s 6d; medium, £2 15s to £2 17s 6d; inferior, from £2 10s to £2 12s 6d. Local: Prime, £3 5s to £3 10s; medium, £2 15s to £3; inferior and dusty, to £2 10s per ton.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran was quoted at 8d; pollard at 9d to 9½d per bushel.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian Circulars, choice, £4 15s to £4 17s 6d; others, £4; local railway, choice, £3 5s to £3 10s; special lots, £3 12s 6d; medium, £2 15s to £3; other sorts, up to £2 10s; Hunter River, prime, £3; Victorian: Warrnambools, £3 10s; Northern rivers, £2 10s to £3 10s per ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Bacon and Hams.—Hand-cured, prime, 8d, second-class, 5½d; flitches, 5d; middles, 6½d to 7d; mild cured 6d; farmers' lots, 5d; extra prime, 6½d; flitches, 4½d; Bodalla sides, 6½d, flitches 6d, and middles 7½d; hams, 9d; local hams, cloth, 8d; small weights, 9½d; New Zealand, 8½d; English 9d; small weights, 9½d per lb.

Cheese.—Choice loaf, 5½d to 5½d; medium, 4½d to 5d; large medium 4d to 4½d, choice 4½d to 5d per lb.

Poultry.—Plentiful. Chickens, 2s; fowls, 2s 6d to 2s 9d; prime, to 3s, prime heavy young roosters, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; English river ducks, 2s to 2s 9d; locally reared, 2s to 2s 6d; Muscovy ducks, 2s 6d to 3s; drakes, choice, 4s to 4s 6d; geese, prime young, 4s to 4s 6d; turkeys, gobblers, 10s to 12s; extra choice heavy, 14s to 15s; hens, 6s to 7s per pair.

Butter.—Plentiful. Best factory, 8½d; second quality, 7½d to 8d; dairy, 6d to 7d per lb.

Eggs.—Better sale. North, 9d to 11d; South, 11d to 12d; suburban new-laid duck and hen eggs, 1s 3d per dozen.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Lard.—Finely rendered, in bladders, 4d to 4½d; special lots, 5d; bulk, 3d to 3½d per lb.

Beeswax.—Bright clear samples, 1s 1d; dark varieties to 1s per lb.

Onions.—Victorian Globes, £2 15s to £3; Port Arlington, £3 10s. Local: Hunter River to £2 per ton.

REDFERN SALE.

At the Redfern markets this morning only a small supply of forage was submitted at auction. Potatoes, watermelons, and pumpkins were plentiful. Owing to the inclement weather business was slack. Prime green chaff found a buyer at the outside price of 3s 8d. Good medium samples realised 3s 9d to 3s 1d, and inferior and dusty 2s 9d to 2s 7d per cwt. Prime green lucerne hay in small bales was in good demand at 3s 1d per cwt. A good sample of rye straw was taken at 3s 1d per cwt. Prime oaten hay moved steadily at 4s 2d, as did inferior samples at 2s to 2s 1d per cwt. There was practically no sale for chickwheat. Potatoes were plentiful and in poor demand. Choice samples were cheaper while other sorts underwent no quotable change. Prime brought 3s 2d to 3s 7d, medium 3s 9d to 3s, and small and inferior 2s 2d to 2s 6d per cwt. Watermelons were cheaper and in request at 1s 8d to 3s 11d per dozen. Pumpkins had good sale at 1s to 5s per dozen, according to size and quality.

Appended are the proportions of the various descriptions of produce actually submitted at to-day's sale:—Chaff, 19 trucks; oaten hay, 4; lucerne, 4; straw, 1; potatoes, 16; watermelons, 5; wheat, 2; pumpkins, 3; and onions, 2.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. Ellis and Co., Dent and Perry, H. M. Suttor and Co., S. B. Bond, J. W. Gray and Co., J. A. Moore and Co., R. Little and Co., H. Prescott and Co., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Sheppard, Harvey, and Walker, J. Bridge and Co., A. M'Arthur and Co., G. Wells and Matthews, and Heaton Bros.

Supplies were disposed of as follows:—

Chaff.—From Hawkins, Millthorpe, (truck No. 6688) passed; F. Harrison, Blarney, (2890) 3s 1d; M'Dermott, Spring Hill, (1722) 2s 9d; (2737) 2s 7d; (10058) passed; Gione, Bunaley, (2808) 3s 1d; J. M'Hugh, Mary Vale, (580), and (1949) 2s 9d; F. Baun, Dripstone, (2557), and (1597) 2s 8d; C. Hill, Murrumbidgerie, (1488) 3s 8d; Ison, Dubbo, (10074) 3s; W. H. and Co. (9294), and (5749) 2s 7d; B. B. and Co, Webbs' Siding, (3296), and (3735) passed; W. J. Britton and Co., Gunnedah, (5699) 2s 2d; Ebery, Glencoe, (5438) passed; Hutchinson, Glen Innes, (1143) 2s 9d per cwt.

Lucerne.—Small bales. From Jas. Caughey, Mudgee, (9766) 3s 1d; T. H. Marks and Co., (1616) passed; S. Page, (1037) 3s 1d, and 3s. Truss: Mrs. H. Smith, Windsor, (2867) 2s 3d per cwt.

Rye Straw.—Bundle: From G. Dunstan, Windsor, (3358) 3s 1d per cwt.

Hay.—From Farness, Perth, (1225) 4s 2d; Chapman, Rooty Hill, (2311) 2s; Farrell, Maldon, (8019) 2s; C. Smith, Liverpool, (459) 2s 1d per cwt.

Wheat.—From Barnes and Stenson, Cookamon, (9230) passed; Greene and Bonis, Montagle, (3988) passed.

Potatoes.—From Camden, (6951) 11 bags branded C 8s, 9 A 3s 9d, 11 B 3s 9d; Richmond, (1822) 12 M over W 2s 4d, (3697) 11 X 3s, 12 G 3s 1d; Berry, (3298) 25 X 3s 6d, 25 U 3s 6d; Mulgrave, (3171) 30 JD 3s 4d, 14 TC 3s 4d, 18 J 3s 7d, 6 WGS 3s 4d, (5904) 80 RR 3s 7d, (2627) 20 SJ 3s 3d, 27 C 2s 2d, 16 GH 3s 3d, (7210) 24 TJB 3s 10d, 21 D 2s 10d, 11 W 3s 3d, 17 CJ 3s 4d, (1940) 22 TJB 3s 5d, 14 JY 3s 5d, 17 AI passed, 19 FH 3s 9d, (3208) 16 M 3s, 15 H 3s 3d, 18 D 3s, 20 HR 3s 5d, (1430) 25 Nn 2s 9d, 12 IH 2s 6d; Windsor, (1078) 13 FN passed, 5 JJW passed, 32 JW 3s 6d, (8614) 25 HF 3s 5d, 17 J 2s 9d, 10 AC 5s, 16 G 2s 10d, 8 S passed; Windsor, (8768) 17 D 2s 2d, 12 IA 3s 2d, 12 X 3s 2d, 17 JR 2s 9d, 7 A 2s 6d, (4488) 65 HF 3s 6d, (366) 56 HF passed; Clarendon, (1416) 19 IJC passed, 24 JA 2s 10d per cwt.

Onions.—From Paterson, East Maitland, (2019) 2s; Sattler, Lochinvar, (6887) 1s 5d per cwt.

Pumpkins.—From T. Gardiner, Richmond, (4005) 3s 11d; E. M'Phee, Penrith, (3993) 5s; Hadley, (4716) 2s 7d; J. Hotlier, (1540) 4s; J. Field, 1s, and melons, 1s 9d; Long, (8178) 2s 9d; G. Drayton, Richmond, (2542) 3s 3d; A. Waters, 4s 6d; T. Nowland, (1843) 3s 3d per dozen.

Watermelons.—From W. Daley, Richmond, (4098) 2s 6d; R. Farlow, 1s 3d, and pumpkins, 2s 11d; W. Field, Penrith, (9217) 2s 10d; J. T. Jackson, 1s 9d; Beacroft, (3693) 1s 5d; G. A. Jackson, (4796) 2s 6d; H. Stewart, (8178) 1s 9d; W. Hollier, 2s; J. F. Shields, Richmond, (3542) 3s 11d per dozen.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Plentiful supplies of all varieties of seasonable fruits were under offer at the Bathurst-street markets this morning. Owing to the inclement weather trade was somewhat dull in most lines. Apart from a good sale for choice fruit the inquiry for all lines was slack at quotations.

Current quotations were:—

Lemons.—Green, 3s 6d to 4s; choice, 4s 6d to 5s; coloured, rough, 3s to 4s; good, 5s to 6s; choice, 7s to 7s 6d per gincase. Italian, 9s, 10s, and 17s per case of 160 180, and 300 respectively.

Apples.—Local: Dessert, Carpenters, rough, 4s to 5s; good, 6s to 8s; choice, 8s to 10s; special lots, 12s; Trivette, small, 3s to 4s; medium, 5s to 6s; choice, 7s to 9s; cooking, 4s to 5s; choice, 6s to 7s; jam lots, 1s 6d to 2s per gincase.

Bananas.—Fiji, ripe, 6d to 2s 6d; Queensland, 1s to 2s 6d; choice, 3s per bunch. Fiji, 8s to 10s; Queensland, 6s to 7s per case.

Peaches.—Small and jam lots, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; medium, 3s to 4s 6d; prime, 5s to 6s per gincase; choice clingstones, 3s to 3s 6d; slipstones, choice, 3s to 4s; extra large red, to 6s per half-case.

Nectarines.—Small, 4s, good 7s to 8s, prime 10s to 12s per gincase, choice 7s per half-case.

Pears.—Cooking, inferior 1s to 2s 6d, good 3s to 4s 6d, dessert 4s to 6s, medium 7s to 8s, choice 9s to 10s per gincase. Victorian: Williams, 7s to 8s per case.

Oranges.—Local: Second crop, 4s to 5s per gincase. Imported: Italian 15s and 17s 6d per case of 17 and 25 dozen respectively.

Passionfruit.—Choice, 2s 6d to 3s per half-case, inferior 1s, good 2s to 2s 6d, prime 4s to 5s per gincase.

Pines.—Common plentiful, 2s 6d to 3s, good 3s 6d to 4s per case.

Tomatoes.—9d to 1s, good 1s 6d, choice 2s to 2s 6d per half-case.

Watermelons.—Small, 2s to 2s 6d; medium, 3s to 3s 6d; choice, 4s; extra large 4s 6d per dozen.

Rockmelons.—2s to 2s 6d; choice large, 3s to 3s 6d per gincase.

Plums.—Japanese, 3s 6d to 4s, choice 5s per half-case; Goulburn district, 1s to 2s 6d; imported, stale lots, 2s per quarter-case.

Grapes.—Black Hambro, 2s to 3s per box; choice, 1½d to 1½d; Muscatel, black, inferior 1d to 2d, choice 2½d to 3d, white, choice, 3d to 4d; white sherry, choice, 1½d per lb., 2s to 3s per box; white wax, 2d to 4d per lb.

Figs.—3s to 4s, choice 5s per half-case.

Cocoanuts.—Slow at 5s to 6s per bag.

Quinces.—Plentiful. 2s to 3s per gin case.

HOMEBUSH SALES.

The offerings at the Homebush sales to-day (Thursday) will be as follows:—

Sheep.—Total, 31,480.

Cattle.—Total, 820.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

The Sydney Wool-selling Brokers' Association report that sales were held yesterday (Wednesday) at the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, when the quantity catalogued totalled 636 bales, and the sales amounted to 721 bales as under:—

Broker.	Offerings.	Sales. At Auction.	Privately (Catalogue).	Uncatalogued.	Total.
Dalgety and Co., Limited	636	530	191	—	721

Note.—Hill, Clark, and Co. sold their star lots only yesterday, their large lots being cleared on the previous day. Their total figures for the week are as follow:—Offered, 1858; sold at auction, 1848; privately, 19. Total, 1839 bales.

The only associated broking company selling yesterday brought forward a small catalogue, comprising a medium selection of wools from the following localities:—Greasy: Aramac (Q.), Bungendore, Bourke, Burrago, Gundy, Inverell, Manilla, Molong, Mount M'Donald, Mudgee, North Queensland, Peelwood, Queanbeyan, and Scone. Scoured: Brewarrina, Bibbenluke, Girilambone, Hughenden, Inverell, Narrabri, Molong, Queensland, Townsville (Q.), and Walgett.

There was good competition from a large attendance of buyers, and the market was certainly no worse than on the two previous days. Though there was a certain amount of irregularity the general tendency was toward a higher level, specially noticeable in the case of scoureds.

The highest price obtained for greasy merinos was 13½d, 8 bales ewes marked PF over Kilmoyley Farm, from Aramac, Q., selling at the figure named. This wool was of good quality, medium length, and in dry condition. Other sales were:—Gidley, from Bungendore, 7 A lambs at 10½d, of medium length, fine quality, free, and in very fair condition. KG, from Peelwood, 8 at 11½d, good quality, fair length, bright but skirty. SJS over The Briars over B'dore, from Bungendore, 8 at 12½d, of broad quality, fair length, bright, and dry. Lee, from Molong, 4 A lambs at 10½d, good quality and length, very fair condition. Kanchor over Dinner Hill, 14 at 12½d, good length and quality, fair condition, little skirty.

In scoured the top price was 25½d secured for 7 bales AAA marked LEF, from Molong, and was deep grown, dry, and bright. Other sales were—SBL in diamond, from Molong, 6 at 23½d, deep grown, lofty, broad, very fair colour. LEF, 11 at 24d, fair length, good colour, dry, but slightly seedy. Aitkenvale over LM, from Townsville, Q., 15 at 21½d, medium length, good colour and condition. DBG over Berkeley, from Hughenden, Q., 29 at 23½d, 8 at 22½d.

The following lots were disposed of:—Greasy: B over Keepit, from Manilla, 11 second cros-bred lambs at 5½d; Gidley, from Bungendore, 7 A lambs at 10½d, 14 B lambs at 4½d, 5 B crossbred lambs at 7½d; KG, from Peelwood, 8 at 11½d; SJS over The Briars over B'dore, 9 wethers and ewes at 12½d; TG in block over Avon Downs 10 A clothing ewes at 9½; WT over L over Swamp Oak, from Inverell, 12 at 10d; Lee, from Molong, 4 A lambs at 10½d, 23 A and B lambs at 10d, 14 A crossbred lambs at 9d, 16 B crossbred lambs at 7½d, 7 BB crossbred lambs at 6½d; Cockelliremna over ML, from Bourke, 5 first combing wethers at 11½d; PF over Kilmoyley Farm, from Aramac, 8 ewes at 13½d; E anchor over Dinner Hill, from Peelwood, 14 at 12½d; BBB, from Mudgee, 6 B lambs at 4½d; JAB over Burra, from Queanbeyan, 4 pieces crossbred at 4½d; WP over Scone, 4 at 11½d.

Scoured: ADW over Mourabie, from Walgett, 5 at 21d; DBG over Berkeley, from Queensland, 18 first pieces at 22½d; Talawanta in block, from Brewarrina, 5 first-combing AA at 21½d; VD over Scone, 12 A combing at 12½d; Aitkenvale over LM, from Townsville (Q.), 15 first combing and clothing at 21½d, 4 clothing at 21½d, 9 first pieces wethers at 20d; Lee, from Molong, 7 AAA at 25d; BY in diamond, from Bibbenluke, 8 B pieces at 13½d, 32 locks at 15½d; SBL in diamond, from Molong, 6 first combing hoggets at 23½d; PBE over Eddy Park, from Inverell, 5 B at 17½d; MRA, from Girilambone, 4 first dead at 12½d; GV in circle, from Narrabri, 5 first dead at 11d; JB over Glenerroy, from Inverell, 9 first pieces at 17½d; AM over Bannockburn, from Inverell, 17 pieces at 20d, 9 locks at 14½d, 10 locks at 12½d; LET, 11 first hoggets, wethers, and ewes at 24d, 4 second ewes at 21½d, 11 pieces hoggets at 21½d; DBG over Berkeley, from Hughenden, Q., 22 AA and AAA at 23½d, 8 A ewes at 22½d.

The Co-operative Wool and Produce Company, Limited, held their usual sale yesterday afternoon, at the Bridge-street Exchange, when they disposed of 2176 bales, selling at auction 1400 bales and 494 privately, making the total sales since they last reported 1899 bales. There was a large attendance of the buyers, and competition was brisk up to a limit which, compared with the prices ruling a month ago, shows a decline of 5 to 10 per cent. on all classes of merino wool, in both greasy and scoured. Crossbreds were a little easier, especially for low grades. Owners' reserves again accounted for a large proportion of the withdrawals.

Greasy sold up to 14d, this price being obtained for 8 bales fleece marked Glen Nevis over New England, from near Armidale. This wool opened out fine, sound, and free. HB over Green Hills, from Adelong, 16 fleece 13½d. This lot was fine, sound, but somewhat tippy and rather heavy in condition. MV over Greenbah, from Obley, opened out light, dry, and free, 10 fleece selling at 13d. WB over Flaggy Mount, from Woolbrook, 8 ewes 13d, pieces 8½d, bellies 8½d. This brand opened out in fair order, but carrying a fair amount of condition. Amongst the principal lots disposed of were:—Greasy: MJC over Arkstone, 21 hoggets, wethers, and ewes, 13½d; 14J over New England, from Tenterden, 8 fleece at 12½d; F over New England, from Tenterden, 17 hoggets, wethers, and ewes at 12½d; WHA over New England, from Armidale, 6 ewes and wethers at 12½d; MB over JL, 18 fleece at 10½d; JB over C, from Bombala, 13 hoggets, wethers, and ewes at 10½d; Mount Grenfell, from Cobar, 5 1st fleece at 11½d, 10 2nd fleece at 10½d, 8 pieces at 11d; over S over Woodlands, from Mount M'Donald, 14 hoggets, wethers, and ewes at 11½d; ST over Sandy Creek, from Inverell, 12 ewes and hoggets at 11½d; Kod over Bunna, 6 first combing at 12d; over X, from Bigga, 10 wethers at 12½d; B over BOCO, from Nimitybelle, 42 wethers and ewes at 10½d, 15 B ewes at 10½d; Bayleigh, over Hol Bros., from Pilliga, 8 hoggets at 12½d, 9 ewes and wethers at 11½d, 4 broken at 11½d; WW in circle over N Eng. 11 merinos at 10½d, 4 crossbreds at 10½d; IL over Ashbrook, 31 hoggets at 8½d; JHB over Kooroong, from Bombala, 13 first clothing at 11½d, 11 second clothing and C combing at 11d; JC in block over Inglewood, from Bombala, 15 second combing at 11½d; WG over Rosewood, from Crookwell, 13 hoggets and ewes at 12d; AWS over Bald Ridge, from Bathurst, 20 fleece at 12d, pieces at 8½d, bellies at 8½d; JC over Timembaum, from Buckley's Crossing, 10 A hoggets, wethers, and ewes at 11½d, 21 B hoggets, wethers, and ewes at 11d, 4 crossbred at 11d; HM over Tara, from Louth, 19 first hoggets and wethers at 9½d, 25 first ewes at 8d; SAW, from Craigie, 26 wethers at 11½d; TD over D, from Condobolin, 10 hoggets, wethers, and ewes at 11½d; Happy Valley over TL, from Adaminaby, 15 ewes at 10½d, 12 hoggets and wethers at 11½d; JST over Walcha, 15 hoggets, wethers, and ewes at 12½d; STFD, from Bombala, 16 F at 10d; E in circle over Curran's Flat, 15 wethers at 11½d.

Scoured: Mungery over Ss, from Tomingley, 6 first combing at 22½d, 7 second combing at 21½d; W over JS over Wandong, 15 S pieces at 18½d, 10 locks at 14½d; E over JED, 15 D at 11½d; B over Boco, 5 locks at 14½d; Hol Bros. over Rayleigh, from Pilliga, 5 bellies at 16½d.

Messrs. Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, report:—In accordance with the roster of wool sales we to-day submitted a catalogue of 638 bales to auction. The attendance of buyers was large, and competition was firm at rates ruling on the two previous days of the week, although at the present time prices are fully 10 per cent. lower than those available three weeks ago. Wools which were offered and passed in at previous sales met with a very bad reception when offered to-day, a difference of from 1d to 1½d per lb. in favour of buyers being the result, from which it may be seen that the decline in the market since December is a very serious one. The highest price we obtained to-day for wool in the grease was 12½d, which was secured for a line branded RM over Sunnybrae, from Queanbeyan. This wool opened out sound, light in condition, well grown, and free from seed. In the scoured section we secured up to 23d for a parcel marked GT over C in diamond, secured by Messrs. Swinbourne and Stephen. We had a good sale in star lots, clearing practically the whole of these parcels at full market values. By auction and privately since last reporting we have sold 501 bales.

GOULBURN STOCK SALES.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

At the stock sales to-day there were heavy yardings and a large attendance of buyers. Fat sheep were in oversupply. Best crossbred wethers made to 10s; others, 5s 3d to 8s 6d; best merinos, 9s 6d; others, 6s to 8s 9d; ewes, 5s 6d to 9s; lambs, 7s 6d to 8s 6d. Store sheep had a large yarding. Wethers were 7s 9d to 8s 6d; ewes, 7s to 8s 2d. Fat cattle: About 80 head yarded, and the market was about the same. Best bullocks made to £7 7s 6d; others, £4 10s to £5 10s; best cows, £4 12s 6d; others, £3 5s to £3 10s. Store cattle had a large supply. The market was slightly easier. Young bullocks made to £2 15s; others, £2 5s to £2 10s; cows, 30s to £2 4s. Dairy cattle sold well—best springers to £5. Young cattle showed no alteration.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the Queen Victoria Market this morning fruits realised the following prices:—Apples, to 6s per case; damsons, 3s to 4s; figs, 2s 6d to 3s per half-case; grapes, 6s to 12s per case; oranges, Italian, 10s to 14s per double case; lemons, Italian, 18s to 22s 6d per double case; mulberries, 3d to 4d per lb.; nectarines, 3s to 4s per half-case; peaches, 2s to 4s per case; pears, culinary, 2s to 3s per case; ditto, dessert, 5s to 7s per case; plums, 3s to 4s 6d per case.

MELBOURNE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the Live Stock Market to-day 1320 fat cattle were yarded, comprising 90 from New South Wales, 500 from the north-eastern district, 650 from Gippsland, and the remainder from the westward and north-western districts. The bulk of the supply consisted of ripe quality handy to moderate weights, with several pens prime, and including 800 cows and 200 light-weight fresh-conditioned steers. The demand was brisk, and prices ruled firm at last week's rates, though closing sales were if anything weaker. Prime tens bullocks, £9 10s to £10 10s; extra ditto, £11 to £11 10s; good ditto, £8 to £9; second seasonable light weights, £7 5s to £7 15s; inferior small steers, £4 15s to £6 10s; prime pens cows, £6 15s to £7 10s; odd beasts £8 to £9; others from £4. The market was fully supplied with fat calves, 280 having been penned. Prime descriptions sold at fully late rates, while for small vealers prices were barely maintained.

MELBOURNE MEAT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the Metropolitan Dead Meat Market prices ruled as follows:—Beef: Prime bodies 18s to 19s per 100 lb., medium 16s to 17s; prime forequarters 14s, medium 12s to 13s; prime hindquarters 24s to 25s, medium 22s to 23s. Lambs: Prime, 9s to 10s each; medium, 7s to 8s.

ADELAIDE FAT STOCK SALES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Messrs. Elder, Smith, and Co. report:—Cattle: 630 offered, consisting almost entirely of good and prime light weights, 200 from the north, 90 from the south-east, and the remainder from the Lakes district and local paddocks. Competition was stronger, and prices were slightly higher. Prime beef made 23s. We sold 108 cattle. Sheep: 8200 penned, a large proportion being of medium quality. Good and prime classes were in request, and prices were about 1s higher. Graziers took 1300, and 650 were unsold. Prime merino wethers sold at 15s; extra weighty, 16s 6d; best ewes, 12s 6d; prime cross wethers, 14s to 17s; cross ewes to 15s 6d. We sold 2500.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

Yesterday being call day, added to a somewhat weaker London market, tended to depress business locally, transactions showing a falling off as compared with Tuesday. Amongst coal companies, Stockton sold at 4s 6d, others being practically unchanged in values. Chillagoe copper shares were quoted weaker. B. H. Proprietary at Tuesday's rate was the only silver company having dealings, but there was an improved tone in the closing values of British Broken, B. H. Block 14, B. H. South, and Overflow, as compared with Tuesday. Grassy Gully, contributing, at 3s 9d, and Woodlark Island Proprietary, paid up, at the stronger price of 26s, were the only local gold ventures dealt in, others being without any striking features. Both Queensland and Victorian lines were dull. Only three stocks in the Western Australian division had attention, Associated Gold Mines realising £6 15s before 'Change, but afterwards receding to £6 12s 6d. Boulder Half-mile South fetched a slightly firmer rate, but Great Boulder Proprietary shares sold at a fraction below Tuesday's prices. In the closing quotations Boulder Consols No. 1, Boulder Half-mile South, Kalgurli South, Lake View South, and Queen Margaret Central respectively, were characterised by a more buoyant tone, most of the others having a slightly weaker tendency.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Bellambi	9/	—
Hetton	—	29/
Newcastle	9/0/	10/0/
Stockton	4/5	4/6
Vale of Clwydd	4/6	6/
Wallsend	—	23/0/
Waratah	7/6	10/
Wickham and Bullock Island	11/3	12/
Ditto, new	5/9	6/3
Ditto, preferential, £1 pd.	24/6	—
COPPER.		
Chillagoe	31/	33/
Girilambone	—	4/
Great Cobar	80/	90/
Lake George Mines	—	12/
Mt. Garnet Freehold	—	59/
New Mount Hope	5/9	7/
North Nymagee	—	1/
SILVER. New South Wales.		
British Broken Hill	12/	—
Ditto, new	16/6	—
Broken Hill Proprietary	45/6	46/3
Block 10	6/7	6/10
Block 14	25/6	27/
B. H. Junction	—	21/
Junction, Nth.	8/6	—
North Broken	16/	—
North Central	10½d	1/
B.H. South	27/	—
Ditto, con.	26/	—
Overflow, pd.	1/1	1/10
GOLD. New South Wales.		
Baker's Creek	8/	8/3
Cobar Great Western	9d	—
Faltner's	—	1/
Grassy Gully, con.	3/6	3/9
Mt. David, pd.	—	2/
Ditto, con.	—	1/
Mt. Drysdale	21/6	25/
Peak Hill, con.	3/6	4/3
Sunlight	1/6	3/
Woodlark Island	25/6	26/6
Ditto, con.	16/	—
DREDGING AND SLUICING COMPANIES.		
Colombo, con.	3/6	—
Araluen Proprietary, pd.	—	20/
Araluen Valley Consolidated, paid	—	18/
Clarence River	9/	—
Ditto, con.	—	9/
Jerricknorra, paid	2/3	—
Jembaicumbene, con.	—	8/6
Jennings, pd.	—	3/
QUEENSLAND.		
Mt. Morgan	98/	99/
Smithfield & P. Golden Pile	—	12/6
South Glanmire and Monkland	—	22/
Victoria G.M. Association	—	3/
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.		
Associated	6/11/	6/14/
Boulder Consols No. 1	2/1	2/5
Boulder Half-mile South	9/6	10/6
Brown Hill Central	3/	3/2
Chaffer's	20/4	24/
Cosmos Proprietary	2/5	—
Gt. Boulder	35/4½	35/6
Ditto Main Reef	28/	30/6
Gt. Boulder Pers've'ce	11/7/6	11/16/
Hannan's Oroya	62/	63/
Hannan's Pride of the Valley	1/6	—
Ditto, con.	6d	1/
Imperial Boulder	3/4	4/3
Ivanhoe	14/10/	14/14/
Kalgurli South, London register	5/10/	5/12/
Lake View South	24/6	26/
Maritana	—	1/6
Queensland Menzies, pd.	5/	8/
Queen Margaret Central	2/10	3/
Queen Margaret No. 1 South	1/1½	—

The following sales were reported:—Before 'Change—Gold: Associated Gold Mines, £6 15s. Morning—Coal: Stockton, 4s 6d. Silver: B.H. Proprietary, 46s. Gold: Boulder Half-mile South, 9s 10d; Great Boulder Proprietary, 35s 9d. Noon—Coal: Stockton, 4s 6d. Gold: Associated Gold Mines, £6 12s 6d; Boulder Half-mile South, 9s 9d; Great Boulder Proprietary, 35s 6d. Afternoon—Gold: Grassy Gully, contributing, 3s 9d; Woodlark Island Proprietary, paid up, 26s.

After the last meeting of the Exchange the following sales were reported:—Copper: Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 32s 9d. Silver: B.H. Proprietary, 46s; B.H. South, paid up, 27s 6d. Gold: Woodlark Island Proprietary, 26s, 25s 9d; Boulder Half-mile South, 9s 9d; Brown Hill Central, 3s 1d; Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, £14 12s 6d.

The Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company, Limited, Tasmania, has consigned 3629 tons of blister copper to date.

Under date the 1st instant Mr. R. D. Thompson, of the Hannan's Pride of the Valley Gold-mining Company, Kalgoorlie, reported that the west drive had reached 192ft. Still driving in the same band of country in which water was first cut. The rock looks most favourable, with a strong trace of gold all through it.

The Melbourne Stock Exchange closed at 1 p.m. yesterday to allow the members to attend the Patriotic Fund Race Meeting at Flemington.

Last night our Launceston correspondent telegraphed as follows:—The directors of the Moonlight cum Wonder Gold-mining Company have accepted, subject to the approval of the shareholders, the offer of Mr. M'Ivor, of Melbourne, to place the property on the London market for one-third paid-up interest in a company with a working capital of £10,000, or one-fifth paid-up interest and £15,000 cash, with a working capital of £8000, or £25,000 cash for the whole property. The option is for six months.

Yesterday the directors of the Great Cobar Copper Mining Company, Limited, declared a dividend of 2s per share (the 37th), payable on the 28th instant. The transfer books of the company will be closed from the 21st to the 28th instant, inclusive.

The North Central Broken Hill S.M. Company's eastern drive at the 550ft. level on the 10th instant had reached 240½ft. from the main north drive. There was no change. The eastern crosscut at the 300ft. level had reached 106½ft. from the north drive. During the week the country had been more heady, and it continued hard. The north drive at the 400ft. level had reached 32½ft. from the crosscut, without change.

At the North Long Tunnel, Walhalla, on the 5th instant, the crosscut at 2500ft. had reached 322ft. The manager had discontinued driving the crosscut, and started to open out on the reef at a point 272ft. west of the blind shaft. The stone is nicely laminated, is heavily mineralised, and shows galena.

On Tuesday the sinking of the main shaft of the Grassy Gully G.M. Company, Nowra, was resumed, and during the last two days some fine specimens have been taken from the reef. The manager reports that there appears to be a new chute making on the hanging wall. The shaft on the new find is down 18ft. without any change to report. The country is still somewhat broken, but gradually becoming more settled.

BALLARAT, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Birthday North, 10d, 10½d; Glenfine, No. 1, 8s; Glenfine Consols, 15s, 16s 6d, 15s 6d; Glenfine Consols Extended, 2s 6d; Great West Glenfine, 1s 5d, 1s 3½d; Melville Glen, 9d, 4d, 5d; Red, White, and Blue, 7s; Red, White, and Blue North, 8d; South Pitfield Consols, 4s 2d; Victoria United, 10s 1d; South Berry Consols, 6s 6d, 7s 3d.

BENDIGO, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Extended South Devonshire, 1s 8d; Garden Gully United, 42s (25); New Prince of Wales and Bonshaw, 5s 6d; Shenandoah, 7s 1d, 7s; South New Moon, 30s 9d; South St. Mungo, 2s 3d.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The B.H. Proprietary shipments for the week ending February 7 to Port Pirie totalled 3458 tons, consisting of 1781 tons of oxidised ores and 1677 tons of mill products.

B.H. Block 10 plant treated during the past week 2571 tons of crudes, returning 461 tons concentrates, bulking 34·83oz. silver, 64·66 per cent. lead, 7·73 per cent. zinc. The estimated quantity of concentrates on the mine's floors is 584 tons. The productive workings are looking everywhere satisfactory. The week's average of the sulphides mined and milled was 14·9oz. silver, 15·4 per cent. lead, 20¼ per cent. zinc. A crosscut has been started westward at the 915ft. level to intercept the ore body.

In accordance with the decision of the Government six months ago to provide an additional mining inspector for Broken Hill, Mr. David Milne arrived this morning to assist Mr. James Hebbard, who in the past solely discharged the duties. Mr. Milne, who comes from Cobar, relieved Mr. Hebbard whilst away on holiday some time ago.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

There were no sales on 'Change to-day.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Wednesday.

There were no sales on 'Change to-day.

The Brilliant Central Company has treated 285 tons of stone for 285oz. of gold.

GYMPIE, Wednesday.

Mr. Thomas Smith reports that the Smithfield and Phoenix Golden Pile has crushed 324 tons of stone for a yield of 204oz. of retorted gold. No. 1 North Smithfield has treated 119 tons for 805oz. of retorted gold.

Sales: Great Eastern No. 1 North, 1s 3d; East Oriental and Glanmire, contributing, 1s 5½d.

To-night's quotations: Columbia and Smithfield No. 2 North, seller 3s, buyer 2s 11d; South Glanmire and Monkland, seller 21s 6d, buyer 20s 6d; Oriental and Glanmire No. 1 North, seller 14s 6d, buyer 13s 3d; North Oriental and Glanmire, seller 9s, buyer 7s 11d; Golden Pile, buyer 5s, seller 4s 7d; Great Eastern No. 1 South, seller 9½d, buyer 7½d.

HOBART, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange quotations were:—Comet, seller 6d; Hercules, buyer 9s; Mount Black, buyer 1s 6d, seller 2s 1d; Mount Lyell Reserve, buyer 2s 2d; Lyell Tharsis, buyer 17s 6d, seller 19s; Great Lyell South, seller 11d; Mount Bischoff, buyer £40, seller £41.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

A rich strike has been made in sinking the main shaft of Hannan's Central Extended. At a depth of 200ft. veins of sulphide ore 6in. in width, were intersected on the bottom of the pit, assaying 7oz. 5dwt. gold per ton.

The 300ft. level of the Great Boulder Proprietary continues to open up well in driving south. The main shaft is down 330ft., and is being pushed down to 400ft. to prove the lode at that depth.

Crosscutting has been stopped within a few feet of the west main shaft at the 700ft. level of Chaffer's mine, and preparations are being made to start boring westward at the point to the boundary. The diamond drill is lying on the surface, and will be conveyed underground within the next few days. Boring will probably be started early next week.

Crosscutting is proceeding from the main shaft at the 500ft. level of the Kalgurli Gold Mines. The finishing touches are being given to the sulphide mill, which is expected to be in full operation next week.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales and quotations were:—

Sales: New Monarch, 2s 2½d; Mount Bischoff, £40 10s.

Quotations: New Pinafore, buyer 2s, seller 2s 5d; New Monarch, buyer 2s 2½d, seller 2s 3d; Amalgamated West Tasmania, buyer 2s 4d, seller 3s; White Pinafore, buyer 10d, seller 1s 3d; Oonah, buyer 1s 5d, seller 1s 9d; ditto, paid, buyer 1s 6d, seller 2s; Silver King, buyer £19; Western Silver, buyer 8s, seller 11s 6d; Devon, buyer 10d, seller 1s 1½d; Hercules, buyer 9s 3d, seller 10s; Mount Lyell, buyer £8 18s, seller £9; North Mount Lyell, buyer 65s; Mount Lyell Reserve, buyer 2s, seller 2s 6d; Tasmanian Copper, buyer 5s 3d, seller 5s 10d; Chillagoe Railway and Mines, buyer 32s, seller 33s; Arba, buyer 13s; Mount Bischoff, buyer £40, seller £40 10s.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Among mining companies to-day the sales were:—North Broken, 17s; North Junction, 9s 6d; Mount Lyell, £8 17s; Mount Lyell Blocks, 10s 3d; North Mount Lyell, 67s 6d; Colonel North, 1s 3d; Crown Lyell, 8s, 7s 6d; Mount Lyell Reserve, 2s 3d; Brothers' Home No. 1, 7s; Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 32s 6d; Associated Gold Mines, £6 6s, £6 11s; Great Boulder, 35s 6d; Hannan's Block 45, 10s, 10s 1½d; Berry Consols, 22s; Forbes Extended, paid, 7d; Garden Gully United, 45s, 42s 9d; Glenfine Consols, 16s, 16s 6d; Great South Long Tunnel, 8d; Long Tunnel Extended, £3 10s; New Imperial, 5s 6d; New Loch Fyne, 32s, 28s; North Shamrock, 1s 0½d; South New Moon, 32s, 30s 3d; Specimen Hill, 4s 11d; Wallace Chiltern Valley, 13s 6d.

MOLONG, Wednesday.

Mining matters are very slack at the Toogong goldfield. Mr. Byrnes's claim is hung up under suspension of the labour conditions for six months, and Mr. Irvine's claim in the police paddock is also idle. Rippingale and party are in about 400ft. with their drive, and have cut through four different strata of payable wash, so that they will have plenty of gold-bearing dirt when they commence to block out. The Burdett mine at Boney's Rocks looks well.

WEST WYALONG, Wednesday.

At the Forget-Me-Not Company's mine while extending the level south at a depth of 260ft. rich stone was cut. The specimens, which are superior to any yet discovered at the field, were obtained yesterday. The quartz was studded with coarse gold. The Bantam Company is raising rich sulphides at a depth of 637ft. The True Blue Company has treated 31 tons of ore by dry crushing cyanide process, at Sully's works for a yield of 112oz. of gold, making a total of 66 tons treated in the week for a total yield of 312oz. of gold. The Keep It Dark tributers treated at Nicoll and Reymond's battery 5 tons for a yield of 4oz. 1dwt of gold. The Golden Fleece Company's tributers have 50 tons of excellent stone at grass, also 20 tons in the level ready to haul to the surface.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales and quotations were:—B.H. Proprietary, buyer 45s 9d, seller 46s 3d; British Blocks, 18s 6d, buyer 18s 3d, seller 18s 9d; ditto, new, buyer 16s 9d, seller 17s 4d; B. H. Block 10, buyer £6 7s; Junction North, 9s 8d, 9s 7d, buyer 9s 7d, seller 9s 8d; B. H. South, 27s, 27s 3d, buyer 27s, seller 27s 6d; ditto, contributing, 26s 6d, buyer 26s 3d, seller 26s 6d; North Broken, buyer 16s 6d, seller 17s; North Central, 11½d; Associated Gold Mines, £6 11s, £6 12s 6d, £6 10s, buyer £6 10s, seller £6 10s 6d; ditto, Northern Blocks, 30s, buyer 28s 6d, seller 30s; Bayley's United, 9s 3d, 9s 2d, buyer 9s 1d, seller 9s 3d; Hannan's Block 45, 10s 1½d, 10s 3d, buyer 10s 1½d, seller 10s 4½d; Boulder Central, paid, buyer 4s 9d, seller 5s 2d; Boulder Consols No. 1, 2s 4d, buyer 2s 3d, seller 2s 5d; Boulder Half-mile South, 9s 6d, 9s 9d, 9s 8d, buyer 9s 7d, seller 9s 9d; Boulder North Extended, 3s, buyer 2s 11d, seller 3s 1d; Brown Hill Junction, 1s 1d; Brown Hill Central, 2s 10d, 3s, 2s 10d; Chaffer's, 20s 6d, 21s, buyer 20s 6d, seller 21s 6d; Great Boulder, 35s 6d, 35s 7½d, 35s 4½d, buyer 35s 3d, seller 35s 6d; Great Boulder Main Reef, 29s 3d, buyer 29s 3d, seller 29s 6d; Great Boulder Perseverance, £11 10s, £11 12s, £11 11s 6d, buyer £11 11s, seller £11 12s; Hainault, 20s 6d, buyer 20s, seller 22s; Hannan's Central Extended, 1s 3d, 1s 6½d, 1s 5d, buyer 1s 4d, seller 1s 6d; Hannan's Oroya, 62s, 63s 6d, 62s 6d, buyer 62s, seller 62s 9d; Imperial Boulder, 3s 11d, 3s 11d, buyer 3s 9d, seller 3s 10d; Ivanhoe Corporation, buyer £14 9s, seller £14 13s; Ivanhoe Junction, buyer 7s 5d, seller 7s 9d; Kalgoorlie Bank of England, buyer 13s, seller 13s 3d; Kalgoorlie Mint and Iron King, buyer 12s, seller 13s; Kalgurli Gold Mines, buyer £8; Lady Mary, buyer 7s 10d, seller 8s; Lake View Consols, buyer £14, seller £14 10s; Lake View South, 24s, buyer 23s 9d, seller 24s 3d; North Kalgurli, 31s, 31s 6d, buyer 31s 6d, seller 32s; Princess Royal, contributing, 20s 3d, buyer 20s 3d, seller 20s 6d; Queen Margaret, 12s 9d, 12s 8d, 12s 9d, buyer 12s 7½d, seller 12s 10½d; Queen Margaret South, 3s, 3s 1d, buyer 3s 1d, seller 3s 2d; Queen Margaret Central, 3s 1d, buyer 3s, seller 3s 2d; Queensland Menzies, paid, buyer 6s 4d, seller 7s; South Kalgurli, £5 11s, £5 11s 6d, £5 10s 6d, buyer £5 10s 6d, seller £5 11s; Sulphide Corporation, 15s 9d, buyer 15s 9d, seller 16s; Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 32s 6d, 32s 10½d, 32s 7½d, buyer 32s 6d, seller 32s 9d.

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DIVIDENDS.

The following dividends have been declared, and are payable on the dates specified:—

Kelly's Queen Block, C. T., 6d.
Golden Gate Nos. 4 and 5 South Block, Croydon, 4d.
White Feather Main Reef, Kanowna, 6d.
Chalk's Junction, Carisbrook, February 16, 6d.
South German Reef, Maldon, February 13, 2s.
North Woah Hawp, Ballarat, February 16, 1s.
British Banner, Pitfield, February 20, 6d.
Lyell Tharsis, Tasmania, February 26, 1s.
Madame Berry West, Kingston, February 26, 1s 6d.
Mount Drysdale, Cobar, February 26, 4s.
B.H. Proprietary Block 10, February 28 (dividend 3s, bonus 1s 6d), 4s 6d.
Great Cobar Copper-mining Company, February 28, 2s.
Bayley's United G. M. Company, Coolgardie, March 13 6d.

YIELDS.

GOLD.

Brilliant Central, C. T., 285 tons, 285oz.
Keep-it-Dark tributers, Wyalong, 5 tons, 4oz. 1dwt.
No. 1 North Smithfield, Gympie, 119 tons, 805oz.
Smithfield and Phoenix Golden Pile, Gympie, 324 tons, 204oz.
True Blue Company, Wyalong, 31 tons, 112oz. gold.

MASS MEETING OF BRICKLAYERS.

A mass meeting of bricklayers for organising purposes was held at the Trades' Hall last night. Mr. C. Fox presided, and delivered an address on the benefits of trades organisations. He said the delegates during the past fortnight had visited 300 jobs on which a large number of the men had expressed a desire to join the union. Addresses were also given by Messrs. J. Hudson and E. Riley (Plasterers), G. Booth and P. Quinn (United Labourers), J. Lenehan and C. Oberg (Progressive Carpenters), F. Ridge (Stone Masons), Greenfield and Edwards (Amalgamated Carpenters), and A. Smith, M.L.A. Mr. George Peacock, secretary of the Bricklayers' Union, explained the benefits that the union gave to its members, and recited the financial and numerical strength of the union at the present time, the latter having been increased by 50 members during the last fortnight. At the conclusion of the meeting a considerable number of new members were added to the strength of the union.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

LAND AND HOUSES.

H. DUFF and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, Moneys and Land and Civil Service Co-operative Shares.

RAINE and HORNE.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, Land and Houses.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

H. ISAACS.—At his Rooms, at 11, Fancy Goods, Toys, India, Cutlery, &c.

J. P. LISTER.—At 77 Redfern-street, Redfern, at 11, Furniture, Piano, &c.; on the Premises, 74 Castlereagh-street, at 10.30, Sundries; at 11, Jewellery, Watches, &c.

A. G. JENKINS.—At his Rooms, at 11, Wearing Apparel, Boots, Shoes, &c.

CLARKE and SOLOMONS.—At 40 Falcon-street, North Sydney, at 11, Furniture, &c.

J. BROWN and CO.—At Aston, 11 Arcadia-road, Glebe, at 11, Furniture, Piano, &c.

FRASER, UTHER, and CO.—At the City Mart, at 11.30, Teas.

H. W. BROOK and CO.—At 94 Oxford-street, Paddington, at 11, Furniture, Sewing Machines, Crockery, &c.

THE SHERIFF.—On the Premises, Parramatta-road, Leichhardt, at 12, Furniture, Sewing Machine, Bicycle, &c.

A. TRAVERSI and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Drapery, Clothing, Hats, Jewellery, &c.

H. DUFF and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, Furniture, &c.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At Hay and George streets, at 2.30, Furniture, &c.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

SYDNEY WOOLSELLING BROKERS' ASSOCIATION.—At the various Stores, at 9.30, Hair, Horns, and Bones; at Wool Exchange, at 3, Wool.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At their Stores, Hair, Horns, Bones.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30 and 11.30, Horses, Vehicles, Omnibus Plant, &c.; at 12, Omnibus Plant, &c.

H. W. BROOK and CO.—At 94 Oxford-street, Paddington, at 11, Horse, Cart, Harness.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Railway Yards, at 11, Cows, &c.; at 2.30, Pigs, &c.; at 3.30, Cattle.

ELLIS and CO.—At their Saleyards, at 11, Cows, &c.; at 2.30, Vealers, Pigs.

J. BRIDGE and CO.—At the corner of Sussex and Market streets, at 11.30, Oats, Bran, Wheat, &c.

TENNIS SHOES.
Best Brown or White Canvas, Calf Fittings, 5in.
Best Rubber Soles, 12s 6d pair.

TENNIS SHOES.
Best Brown Canvas, Russia Fittings, 5in.
Pure Grey Rubber Soles, 17s 6d pair.

Slazenger's Best Covered Balls, 13s doz.

PERDRIAU AND CO.,
270 GEORGE-STREET.

Ayre's Best Covered Balls, 14s doz.

TENNIS RACKETS.
Slazenger Special E.G.M., 25s
Slazenger Whitehouse, 21s
Slazenger Pastime, 15s.

TENNIS SHOES.
White Buck,
5in. Best Red Soles, 21s pair.

Ayre's Uncovered Balls, 7s dozen.

SYDNEY WOOL MARKET.

REDUCTION IN THE SELLING CHARGE.

On and after the 1st MARCH, 1900, a CONSOLIDATED CHARGE OF TWO AND A HALF PER CENT. (2½ per cent.) will be the RATE for SELLING WOOL in the SYDNEY MARKET by the undersigned:—

AUSTRALASIAN MORTGAGE and AGENCY CO., Ltd.
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N.B.—This charge covers all expenses, including receiving, weighing, warehousing, cataloguing, fire insurance whilst in store, &c., except cartage where incurred.

Government Notices.

PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD,
50 Young-street, Sydney,
13th February, 1900.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the following TEMPORARY POSITIONS in the GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE:—

ASSISTANTS in the MACHINE ROOM (2 vacancies). Candidates must be strong youths, not less than 16 nor more than 18 years of age. Pay, 15s a week.

MESSENGERS (2 vacancies). Candidates must not be less than 14 nor more than 16 years of age. Pay, 10s a week.

Application must be made on a form for the purpose, obtainable at this Office, and must reach the undersigned not later than the 19th instant.

By order of the Board.
(9a-60) J. W. HOLLIMAN, Secretary.

Machinery.

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